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TOKYO PREPARED TO TAKE BLOCKADE RISK

Ominous Decision Of To-Day's War Council Predicted

ENTIRELY NEW SITUATION WILL BE CREATED

NO BIG R.A.F. BASE IN H.K. UNTIL 1939-40

The British Government has no intention at the moment of making Hong Kong into an important R.A.F. base in consequence of the present state of emergency in the Far East, and reports of an "expansion of the air forces in Hong Kong and Singapore," are incorrect.

This statement was made authoritatively to the "China Mail" this afternoon, following rumours to the contrary.

Present plans provide for the establishment of a permanent R.A.F. unit in Hong Kong in the 1939-40 programme. This will follow the completion of the hangars which are to be constructed during 1938, at the new aerodrome in the New Territories.

TWO MACHINES

What the strength of the unit will then be cannot be stated for certain, but it may be taken as certain that there is no question of the R.A.F. taking emergency measures.

The present strength of the R.A.F. in Hong Kong, apart from H.M.S. Eagle, is two machines, which are used for searchlight practice.

BOCCA TIGRIS IN ACTION

Bocca Tigris Forts went into action yesterday in a minor incident at the mouth of the Pearl River when a Japanese armed trawler sent a landing party of marines ashore in a boat on Sampan-chau Island.

The Forts opened fire on the trawler, apparently without effect, and the Japanese vessel put out to sea leaving the boat under the lee of the island.

A Japanese destroyer was hovering out at sea but did not fire on the Forts.

Naval And Military Reinforcement May Be Considered

London, To-day.

The newspapers splash the Imperial Conference in Tokyo.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Herald" says that all precedents suggest that war will be formally declared on China, which will mean immediate proclamation of a blockade of the Yangtse and Canton and demand for withdrawal of foreign warships from blockaded Chinese waters.

Blockade of Canton is hardly possible without direct, immediate and constant interference with the trade of Hong Kong.

Either, says the paper, would strain Anglo-Japanese relations to breaking point.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Express" says that announcement of a state of war will have two important effects,

To bring into force the United States Neutrality Act and cut off United States supplies of war materials to both Japan and China, and

To enable Japan legally to blockade the China coast against ships of all nationalities carrying war materials to China.

TWO-EDGED WEAPON

The Neutrality Act will prove a two-edged weapon, but it is thought that Japan may consider her reserves of oil and other war materials big enough to carry her through the war.

China has no considerable supplies of munitions, and the Japanese move, therefore, will be to gamble on starving out China before her own supplies give out.

TAKING RISKS

It is believed in London that the Tokyo Government is prepared to take the risks involved.

If Japan declares war, an entirely new situation will be created for Britain and other countries with special interests in China.

British Ministers are closely

SUDDEN ATTACK BY CHINESE ON TAIYUANFU

Peiping, To-day.

It is reliably learned that part of the Eighth Route Army is gravely menacing Taiyuanfu, a force of about 30,000 men having reached the outskirts of the city.

Japanese reports speak of bombing raids on the Chinese troops by military planes, and it is evident that the attack on the Shansi capital is seriously regarded by the Japanese military command.

It is understood that reinforcements are being rushed to Taiyuan from the Hopei front.—Our Own Correspondent.

presentatives in Japan and China.

A meeting of the Cabinet will be called if Japan acts.

The question of naval and military reinforcements for the Far East will have to be considered immediately.—Reuter.

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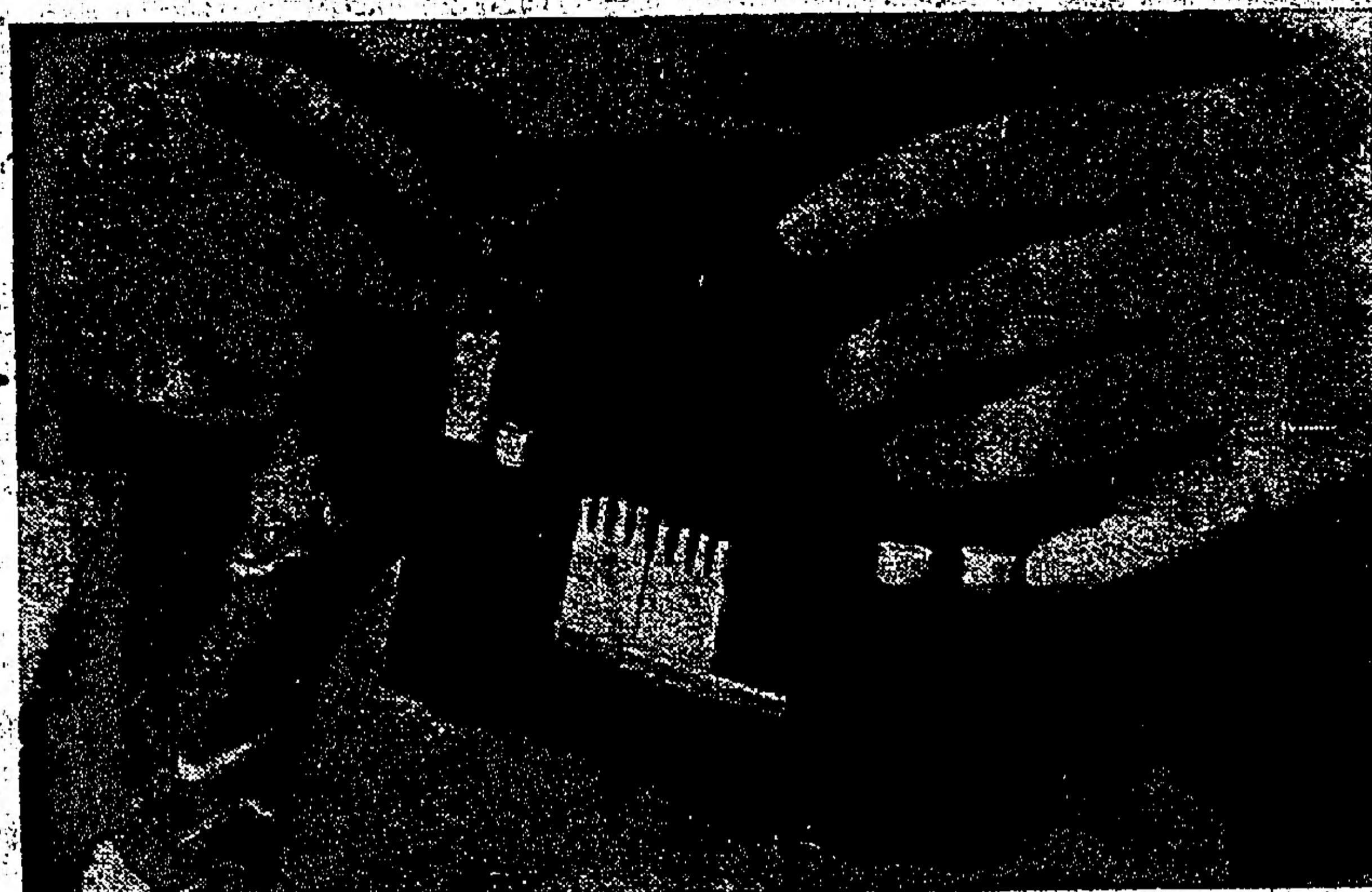


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"And 'Ladies first,'" I went on, "he lights her cigarette before lighting his own. But why this speech on manners? What are you getting at?"

"Your backs! Has it ever occurred to you what a lot we men see of your backs?"

"Not more than our fronts, surely?"

"In detail much more. You see, when a man talks to a woman all he's supposed to look at is her eyes, and, if he happens to be of an inquisitive turn of mind, and studies her from top to toe, he gets accused of being the sort of man who 'undresses you when he looks at you.'

"But as manners of demand that he should walk behind her through life, his opportunities for scrutinising her back are numerous, and he is able to take in the minutest details without getting ticked off, because she can't see out of the back of her head."

"That's true," I said, "but is isn't much fun for him, is it?"

"He learns a lot."

"In what way?" I asked.

"Well," he answered, "I once fell in love with the back of a woman's head. But when I look at the backs of most women's heads I wonder if they ever use a hand-glass. The way their hair's cut..."

"That's the fault of their hairdressers."

"Can't they train them?"

"Can men train theirs?"

He shook his head.

"Then we're all square," I said. "What next?"

"I don't mean to be rude, Barbara, but as far as I can see a lot of women don't wash their necks."

"Oh, yes, they do. What you think is dirt is the dye off their furs."

"Can't something be done about it?"

"It can be taken off with cleansing creams. I'm always on about it."

"And need they have loose hairs and scurf on the collars of their coats?"

"Need men?"

"I suppose not, but I never look at men. Women should be dainty sylph-like things, and if I see one with a dash of scurf and a couple of loose hairs on her shoulder, I find myself wondering if she bothers to wash. Am I shocking you?"

"Not a bit. Do all men think like that?"

"Well, I do—and there's nothing extraordinary about me, so I suppose the others do too."

"If they think at all."

"Don't underrate men's powers of

observation and intelligence, my dear Barbara. They may not say much, but there's very little that escapes them."

"I'm sorry. I wouldn't dream of underrating them. Do you think they notice the backs of our hats?"

"Not half so much as the backs of your legs."

"Oh, yes, I know. Till a man's twenty-five he looks at a woman's face, and from twenty-five onwards he looks at her legs."

"And why not?" he said. "Legs can be jolly attractive things."

"I suppose a woman's taboo with you if she has the misfortune to have a hole in her stocking?"

"A hole is often just a bit of bad luck, and she's not half so taboo as the one who has mud spots on the back of her stockings, or the one whose stockings are all twisted, or the one whose shoes are worn down at the heels or turn over at the sides."

As I had no answer to all this I sat in silence, and he went on:

"If every woman had a good look at her back view before she left the house, we should see fewer coats with ridges across the shoulders, fewer skirts with dipping-hems and less bits of petticoat hanging below them."

"Surely when buying a petticoat it's just as easy to get one shorter than the dress with which you're going to wear it?"

"Just," I said.

"What worries me most about the womenfolk I follow through life, is the way they walk—there are the wobblers, the limpers, the mincers . . ."

I sprang to my feet, gave my collar a hasty brush, pulled down my skirt, tweaked my coat into place, ran my fingers along the backs of my stockings, glanced at the heels of my shoes, opened the door, and, bowing politely to him, I said:

"Gentlemen first!"

TABLE TALK

Why have a dining-table in the accepted sense? It is always better to have a folding one that can be reduced in size to make the room where you feed into another sitting room.

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Have a folding table in the kitchen and you'll find that a very large kitchen will not be so necessary.

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When buying a table look underneath. Don't be satisfied by looking merely on the surface.

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Don't imagine that tablecloths are right out of date. The idea of mats on a polished table is gradually dying out, and snow-white tablecloths coming back into their own again.

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Never let your centre table decoration be too big or it will make the whole table look unbalanced.

**Beethoven Symphony
No. 4
In B Flat**

12.00-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Cinema Organ.
Keep Smiling! (Foort).
The A.B.C. March (Foort and Ferling).
Broadway Melody of 1938—Selection.
The Singing Marine—Selection.
12.42 p.m.—New Symphony Orchestra—'La Cid' Ballet Music (Massenet).
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Alfredo Campoli and His Orchestra and Les Allen (Baritone).
Cavatina (Raf).
Orchestra.
Dear Little Boy Of Mine (Brennan and Ball).
Les Allen accomp. by Sidney (Organ).
Because (from 'Two Love Sonnets' Gade).
Why? (from 'Two Love Sonnets' Gade).
Orchestra.
Radio Requests (Les Allen's Most Appreciated Songs).
Les Allen accomp. by Sidney Torch (Organ).
The Knave Of Diamonds (Steele).
Orchestra.
Serenade Espagnole (Chaminade, arr. Kreisler).
Guitarre, Op. 45, No. 2 (Moszkowski, Sarasate).
Alfredo Campoli (Violin).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.

Today's Witness

ZBW 355 M. 845 K.C.'S :::: ZEK 640 K.C.'S

1.40 p.m.—Relay of Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: T. B. Wilson, Esq. Subject: 'My Trip to the Hoover'.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00-7.00 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7.00 p.m.—Dance Music.
7.15 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.20 p.m.—London Relay—"All Kinds of People"—1:
"My Memories of the Tsar Nicholas II at his Coronation".
A talk by Colonel E. St. C. Pemberton.
7.35 p.m.—Variety.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Variety continued.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"London Pride". A programme in praise of London compiled from the tributes of visitors through the centuries. Devised and written by D. F. Aitken. Produced by Pascoe Thornton.
8.55 p.m.—A short concert by Claudia Muzio (Soprano) & Casals (Cello).
La Boheme—Yes, They Call Me Mimi (Puccini).
Cavalleria Rusticana—Mother, you Know the story (Mascagni).
Moment Musical (Schubert).
Le Cygne (Saint-Saens).
Apres Un Reve (Faure).
Chanson Villageoise (Popper—Op. 62, No. 2)..... Casals.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Robb Wilton as Mr. Middlecombe, J.P. in "The Court of Not-So-Common". Please!
Written by Robb Wilton on an original idea by Barry Bernardi. Presented by Max Kester.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 4 In B Flat, Op. 60. Felix Weingartner conducts the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

10.19 p.m.—Songs by Jessel, Birking (Tenor).

'Aida' (Verdi)—Heavenly Aida—divine Aida.
'La Boheme' (Puccini)—Your tiny hand is frozen.

10.28 p.m.—Light Variety Concert.
Orchestral—Pucha Digo (Pesenti), O Cara Mia (Brodzki, arr. Pager).

A. J. Pesenti & His Orchestra.

Vocal—I'm In The Mood For Love (McHugh, Fields).

I Wished On The Moon (Ratings, Parker).
Lamby Ross.

Orchestral—Rise And Shine Selection. Sydney Kyte & His Piccadilly Hotel Band.

Vocal—Swing (film 'Public Nuisance No. 1').

Me And My Dog (film 'Public Nuisance No. 1').

Frances Day (Soprano).
Orchestral—What's Yours?—A Convivial Medley (arr. Debroy Somers).

Debroy Somers Band (with Vocal Chorus).

11 p.m.—Close down.

**Mr. T. B. Wilson
"My Trip
To The Hoover"**

9.30 a.m.—Organ Recital.
10.00 a.m.—The News and Announcement. Greenwich Time Signal at 10.15 a.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—

GSI 21.23 Mc/s (13.93 m.)

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (18.97 m.)

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)

GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Beethoven's Symphonies No. 2 in D, Op. 86.

11.20 a.m.—"All Kinds of People"—1: My Memories of the Czar Nicholas II at his Coronation. A talk by Colonel E. St. C. Pemberton.

11.35 a.m.—Intermission.

12.15 p.m.—London Pride.

12.35 p.m.—The Forum Theatre Orchestra.

1.15 p.m.—Robb Wilton as Mr. Middlecombe, J.P. in "The Court of Not-So-Common". Please!

1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcement. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—

GSH 21.47 Mc/s (18.97 m.)

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)

GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)

GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.

2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. Michaeloff and his Bessarabian Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—The BBC Scottish Orchestra.

3.00 p.m.—Take your Choice.

3.30 p.m.—A Theme and a Song: Rain Songs.

3.40 p.m.—Dudley Beaven, at the Organ.

4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcement. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4.20 p.m.—Recital by William Murdoch (Australian Pianist).

4.45 p.m.—Do we Understand English?

5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

**BRADCAST FROM
DAVENTRY**

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—

GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)

GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)

GSD 9.51 Mc/s (31.36 m.)

G.M.T.

8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. Palace of Varieties.

9.15 a.m.—Empire Exchange.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"Melody For Two", with James Melton Patricia Ellis and Winifred Shaw. A great musical, with a number of song hits.

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AT THE QUEEN'S—"At The Stage Door", with Ginger Rogers, Katherine Hepburn, and Adolphe Menjou. A striking contrast between two distinct types of stage struck girls are the respective roles of the two "stars". The story is based on the highly successful play by Edna Ferber.

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AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Drægerman Courage", with Jean Muir, Barton MacLane, Helen MacKellar, and Gordon Oliver. A melodrama of human daring which takes place in the depths of a mine where a number of men are entombed. It reveals the hates and loves, their successes and failures, in the lives of miners.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Men In Exile", with Richard Purcell and June Travis. A mystery story dealing with a boy who is forced to leave America and go to the Caribbean Seas where he meets the most exciting adventures in a port from which criminals cannot be extradited.

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AT THE STAR—"Three Smart Girls", with Binnie Barnes, Alice Brady, Ray Milland and Charles Winninger. The adventures of three lovely daughters of a rich New Yorker who smash their father's romance with a fortune-hunting blonde provide the amusing theme for this picture. Not to be missed.

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BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

"Natural" Players

We hear much of so-called "natural bridge players." The implication of the phrase is, of course, that these gifted beings, excelling as they do at other card games, naturally enjoy an advantage over ordinary mortals who can come to bridge expertness only through long and tortuous trails. The fact of the matter is that I never have seen a mere "card player" sit at the bridge table and acquit himself with credit until he has put a vast amount of experience in bridge itself under his belt. The difficulty lies in the fact that in bridge the natural play is not necessarily the winning play. Let us consider the hand shown below from the point of view of a player who proceeds along general lines, instead of analyzing each situation individually.

South, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S—Q J
H—K 8 4
D—A 10 9 2
C—6 5 4 3

WEST

S—K 8 6 3
H—6 5
D—7 6
C—J 9 8 7 2

EAST

S—10 9 4
H—Q J 7 3 2
D—K 8 3
C—K 10

SOUTH

S—A 7 5 2
H—A 10 9
D—Q J 5 4
C—A Q

The bidding:
South West North East
1 no trump Pass 2 no trump Pass
3 no trump Pass Pass

South's distribution is not just right for an original no trump, but his four honour tricks and the advantage of having the strong hand concealed warrant the bid.

West makes his normal opening of the fourth best club. East plays the king and South wins. What, I ask you, would be the next play of ninety-nine declarers in every the contract's defeat.

hundred? The answer is obvious. The diamond queen would be laid down and a finesse taken. This is the natural play, but it is wrong, quite wrong!

Here is the proper way to analyze declarer's problem: South counts two tricks in clubs, either three or four diamonds depending on the position of the king, two hearts and, if he has time, two spades. If the diamond finesse succeeds there is no problem. The contract will be fulfilled through top tricks. If no more than three diamond tricks can be made, however, it will become necessary to win two spades. The danger lies in the possibility that West holds five clubs and that, if the diamond finesse loses, East will return a club, establishing West's suit, while West still holds the spade king as an entry card.

The considered play, therefore,

as opposed to the "natural" play,

is to remove West's possible entry before attempting the diamond king, if in West's hand, never can

be an entry. If it is discovered

that East, instead of West, held

the spade king and that a finesse

would have succeeded, nothing has

been lost.

Remember, the only danger was that West's club suit was five long. In that case East will hold only two clubs and if he also holds the spade king, will be able to lead one more club, removing South's second stopper, but later, on taking the diamond king, will be unable to put

West back on lead. If the club suit

is divided 4-3 between West and

East, no danger exists. It does not

matter who wins the spade king.

Now let us look at the result of

the "natural" play. The diamond

queen loses to East's king and a

club is returned, driving out South's

only remaining stopper. Later, when

the spade queen is led for a finesse,

it loses to West's king and West

then runs off three club tricks for

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**OCTOGENARIAN
MARQUIS DIES
WHILE HUNTING**

London, To-day.
The 83-year-old Marquis of Abergavenny was killed while hunting near Groomsbridge, in Sussex, yesterday. He was participating in a children's Meet at the famous Bridge Hunt. His horse caught a foot in a strand of wire and threw the Marquis heavily on his head, breaking his neck.

The Marquis married three times. He had no son and the title goes to a nephew.—Reuter.

**BOMB INCIDENT
IN SHANGHAI**

Shanghai, To-day.

Some doubt seems to exist as to whether yesterday's bomb thrower intended his crude, home-made missile for the Savoy Grenadiers or some Japanese soldiers stationed nearby.

Revolver shots were fired after the bomb exploded, apparently in the direction of the Japanese, though there were no casualties.

It is believed that any further incident of this kind in the Italian sector will meet with instant action on the part of Italian troops.—Trans-Ocean.

**Prince Louis Of Prussia
And Princess Kyra**

Paris, To-day.

Prince Louis Ferdinand of Prussia and his fiancee, Princess Kyra of Russia, are staying in a secluded village on the Breton coast, according to press reports.

Prince Louis is the son of the German ex-Crown Prince, and Princess Kyra the daughter of Grand Duke Cyril, Pretender to the Throne of Russia.

The couple first met in Detroit last year when the Prussian Prince was working as a mechanic in the Ford Motor Works.

Prince Louis is now in the service of the German Lufthansa in Potsdam and wants to teach his future wife to fly.

At present they make long tours every day on foot or by car, which the Princess drives herself.

MANY FRIENDSHIPS

Although the Breton peasants are known to be extremely reserved and shy of strangers, the couple, declare the Paris newspapers, have made many friendships and are often seen in animated conversation with farmers or their wives discussing the problems of the humble peasant folk.

Prince Louis returns to Potsdam at the beginning of next week, when his leave expires.—Trans-Ocean.

**COLONEL KOC
RESIGNS**

Warsaw, To-day.

Resignation of Col. Koc from the leadership of the Polish National Front was confirmed here last night.

Col. Koc, was appointed by Marshal Rydz-Smigly, Inspector-General of the Army, to unify Poland's forces in a "Front of National Unity."

Although Col. Koc's reason for resigning was given as "owing to ill health," there is reason to believe that Col. Koc has not been so successful in his task.—Trans-Ocean.

**NURI PASHA BOUND
FOR LONDON**

Cairo, To-day.

The former Iraqi Foreign Minister, Nuri Pasha, who has been staying in Cairo in order to discuss the situation in Palestine with Arab leaders, left Cairo yesterday for London.

Nuri Pasha, who is stated to be entrusted with a special mission on Palestine, said before his departure that the Palestine question must be solved in relation not merely to local circumstances but to the general Arab outlook on the subject.—Trans-Ocean.

**FLYING BOATS
LEAVE SINGAPORE**

London, To-day.

Flying boats of No. 204 (General Reconnaissance) Squadron, Royal Air Force, which left Plymouth on December 2, left Singapore yesterday in accordance with schedule, on the further stage of flight to Sydney, Australia, when they will take part in the New South Wales 150th anniversary celebrations on January 26th.—British Wireless.

**FRENCH PROTEST
ON NANKING RAID**

Paris, To-day.

Authoritative circles indicate that it is possible that the French Government will protest to Japan in regard to the bombing of the French Catholic Mission during the air raid on Nanning, when Father Martin was killed and Father Cuenot wounded.—Reuter.

**FOUR AIR RAIDS
ON KWANGSI**

Nanning, To-day.

Japanese planes attacked Kwangsi four times yesterday with military establishments around Nanning and Liuchow as their main targets.

Each time more than ten Japanese planes were seen flying over various centres of the province. The city of Nanning was subjected to two raids and about a score of bombs were dropped on the suburbs on each occasion.

Wuchow was attacked by five Japanese planes, which got no chance to reach their objectives in the face of steady fire from the Chinese anti-air defence forces. The same planes also put in an appearance over Chulin, where they dropped no bombs.—Hua Nan.

**AUSTRIA DOES
NOT PLAN
POLICY CHANGE**

Budapest, To-day.

No communiqué was issued yesterday at the end of the day's three-power talks between Italy, Austria and Hungary.

However, the general impression is that not much headway was made. It is regarded as fairly certain that neither Austria nor Hungary will leave the League and join the Anti-Comintern Pact as the result of the conference.—Reuter.

**INDIGNATION
IN CATHOLIC
CIRCLES**

Paris, To-day.

Japanese bombing of the French Catholic Mission during the Nanking raid has aroused intense indignation in Catholic circles.

It is pointed out that Nanking is some distance from the war zone, and that the Catholic Mission was plainly marked.—Trans-Ocean.

Wai Chi, shop foki, was this morning fined \$10 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at the Central Magistracy on pleading guilty to cruelty by placing eight geese in a small basket.

Sergeant Shepherd said that the geese were tied in pairs and were crammed in to the basket.

KOREAN GOVERNOR TO REPORT

Tokyo, To-day.
General Jiro Minami, Governor-General of Korea, will proceed on Wednesday this week from Seoul to Tokyo to report on the general situation on the peninsula.
It will be recalled in this connection that foreign press reports have been alleging widespread disorders in Korea.—Trans-Ocean.

TERUEL FIGHTING CONTINUES

Barcelona, To-day.
Col. Barba and Col. Rey, both of the insurgent army, were among the prisoners taken at Teruel, according to a statement by the Republican Spanish Premier, Senor Negrin, after a meeting of the Ministers yesterday.

The Premier added that the Bishop of Teruel had also been taken prisoner.

The Minister of Justice stated that instructions had already been given regarding the placing of the two thousand odd prisoners, taken at Teruel, in the various gaols.

It was stated that nothing of note has happened on the Teruel front since though artillery is active on both sides and air forces carried out observation flights.

VIOLENT FIGHTING

Paris, To-day.
Violent fighting is now going on in Teruel, on a front of twenty kilometres, according to a report received by the Right Wing paper, "Le Jour" from a Nationalist Spanish source to-day.

The message asserts that troops of General Moscardo continue to advance and that the mechanised units of the insurgent army are pushing forward in spite of the obstacle caused by the extremely difficult terrain.

In Villastar, south of Teruel, Republican troops were compelled to fall back three kilometres. The reports add that the Republican attacks at Muella de Teruel were successfully repulsed.—Trans-Ocean.

TWENTY-ONE BISHOPS UNDER ARREST

Moscow, To-day.
Twenty-one Bishops have been arrested since the end of November, according to the Soviet press.

The most important heads of the Russian Church, including the Acting Patriarch and Metropolitan, Sergei Krutitski and Father Vitlai, chief of the Soviet's new-fangled "living Church," are denounced in the newspaper "Gorki Commune" and probably have been arrested.

The charges include organising of a network of espionage for terrorist circles connected with a Fascist intelligence service.—Reuter.

"SPYING" CENTRES

Moscow, To-day.
The campaign against the Orthodox Church is being vigorously continued by the military newspaper here, which accuses bishops and priests of espionage and sabotage.

The paper says that the only remaining Bishop in Siberia created a widely ramified organisation for espionage on behalf of Japan, while in Moscow and Nijni-Novgorod, two "centres for espionage, sabotage and terrorism" were discovered.—Trans-Ocean.

SON OF PRES. JUSTO KILLED

Buenos Aires, To-day.
Eduardo Justo, aged 27, youngest son of the President of Argentina, was one of seven persons killed in an air crash during a storm in Uruguay.

The other dead were all army officers, including the Chief of the Military Household and the President's A.D.C.

The party were returning from a meeting between the Presidents of Brazil and Argentina.

The plane caught fire after the crash.—Reuter.

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A pretty wedding took place at the Roman Catholic Cathedral yesterday when Miss Elsie Berndt was married to Mr. Maurice Sasso, a member of the staff of the Hong Kong Hotel.

and the late Mr. Wm. Berndt who was at one time connected with the Siamese Government Railways. Mrs. Berndt is a daughter of Captain Spencer R. N.

The groom is a native of Budapest.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" from Kobe, is due at Hong Kong on Thursday at 7.00 a.m. and leaves for Manila on the same day at 6.00 p.m.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs.

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China's Economic War Programme

Hankow, To-day.

The newly appointed Chinese Minister of Economics, Mr. Oong Wen-hao, yesterday gave Trans-Ocean a resume of measures contemplated by the Central Government to bring Chinese economic equipment into alignment with the demands of national defence under prevailing conditions.

Mr. Oong declared that the Economics Ministry united all the functions performed hitherto by the Ministry for Industry, the National Economic Council, and the War Economic Committee of the Supreme Military Council.

It thus effects centralisation of the administrative departments concerned, and in this way assures better collaboration of all authorities affected.

First constructive measure contemplated is transfer of all individual industries from the war zone to the interior, where they will be able to develop independently of external influence and at the same time contribute to economic stimulation of the interior provinces.

GIGANTIC DIFFICULTIES

As inducement to owners to transfer of factory plant to the interior without delay, the costs involved will be met by the Government as a loan.

The Minister did not attempt to conceal that the plan will be confronted with gigantic difficulties, notably in connection with traffic routes.

In spite of Japanese capture of many industrial districts, especially of coal mines, Chinese industry would go to work at high pressure.

MINE DEVELOPMENT

Coal mines in the neighbourhood of Hankow would be developed first, while particular attention would be paid to electrification in the interior provinces.

The Government hoped that the measures planned would be specially productive as regards mineral wealth of the rich provinces of Hunan, Hupeh, Szechuan, Kwangsi and Yunnan.

CANTON'S IMPORTANCE

Mr. Oong said that steps would be taken to promote exports in spite of almost insuperable difficulties owing to the fact that the only harbour available was Canton.

Efforts would be made to keep exports at their present satisfactory level.

China, the Minister concluded, could only finance the war out of her foreign credit balances which however, were enough to meet all requirements "for a very long time to come." — Trans-Ocean.

LINDBERGH KIDNAPPING REWARD DIVISION

Trenton (New Jersey), To-day.

The Governor of New Jersey, Mr. Harold Hoffman, has divided the State's \$25,000 reward for capture of the kidnapper of the Lindbergh baby among over 100 persons.

Largest share of \$7,500 went to Walter Lyle, former New York petrol station operator, who identified the note leading to the arrest of Bruno Hauptmann.

Second share of \$5,000 went to William Allen, the Negro lorry driver who discovered the baby's body. — Reuter.

JEWELS LEFT IN A TAXI

Paris, To-day.

Jewels valued at 100,000 francs were left in a bag in a taxi in Marseilles on Sunday night by two men who boarded a yacht.

The taxi-driver, who found the bag only after the yacht had sailed, handed the jewels over to the police. — Trans-Ocean.

REFERENDUM RESOLUTION CONDEMNED

Washington, To-day.

A letter from President Roosevelt warning Congress that the proposed war referendum would "cripple any President in his conduct of our foreign relations," was read in the House of Representatives yesterday.

The President added that such an amendment would encourage others to believe they could violate American rights with impunity.

Leaders of the House subsequently joined the President in condemning the amendment. The Speaker, Mr. Bankhead, left the rostrum to speak against the measure.

PEOPLE'S TRUST

He said: "I am not willing that my colleagues abandon the judgment of the framers of our Constitution and say that the people are no longer willing to trust their chosen representatives or the Chief Executive of the United States, who loves peace as much as any man in the world."

It is very seldom that Speaker Bankhead takes the floor to discuss legislative proposals. — Reuter.

FINE GENERALLY

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone continues to move eastward, and pressure is now highest over Japan and the Eastern and Yellow Seas; it is relatively low over the Southern Philippines.

Local forecast: N. E. winds, fresh; fine generally.

SHANGHAI RESIDENTS URGE CHAMBERLAIN NOT TO YIELD

China Committee Secretary's Call On Premier

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PREPARED TO STAND FIRM

London, To-day.

Mr. A. C. Moreing, Conservative M.P. for Preston and secretary of the China Committee, saw the Prime Minister for twenty minutes yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Moreing conveyed to Mr. Chamberlain representations received from British residents in China urging the Government not to yield to the various Japanese demands, and expressing the opinion that with the backing of the British and United States Governments, the Shanghai Municipality is prepared to stand firm against the Japanese demands to strengthen Japanese representation on the Council.

The representations also expressed apprehension lest the Government allow temporary concessions to the Japanese.—Reuter.

LUNCHEON PARTY

London, To-day.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, gave an interesting luncheon yesterday to the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the new Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, and the retiring Ambassador, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen.—Reuter.

DISTINCTIONS

London, To-day.

Apropos the Japanese demands to the Shanghai Municipal Council, well-informed quarters in London feel it is necessary to make a distinction between such temporary measures as may be needed and any changes of a more general character which cannot be considered hastily and must only be considered through normal procedure.

Thus, though it may be possible for the Council to go some way as a temporary measure, it must clearly be understood it will only be temporary.

In other words, the Council is limited to the immediate concern of maintaining law and order without prejudicing the rights of interested Powers.—Reuter.

EX-AMBASSADOR CALLS

London, To-day.

Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, retiring Ambassador to China, who arrived in London a few days ago, called on the Prime Minister at No. 10, Downing Street, yesterday, and remained twenty minutes.

The new Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, called on the Prime Minister afterwards.—Reuter.

TIME WRONG

London, To-day.

Questions arising out of the Japanese demands in Shanghai for an increased share in the administration of the International Settlement are the subject of consultation between the representa-

OFFICIAL VERSION OF S.M.P. ASSAULTS

London, To-day.

Full particulars have now been received in official quarters in London regarding the assaults on certain British members of the Shanghai Municipal Police which took place on January 6, and in connection with which the British Consul-General, M. Herbert Phillips, has addressed a letter of protest to the Japanese Consul-General.

One of the victims of the assault was Probationary Sergeant Turner who was on duty at the east barrier and requested a Japanese Police Officer to remonstrate with the sentries whom he considered were unnecessarily rough with Chinese peasants passing through.

When the Japanese policeman refused Turner left, saying he would report the matter.

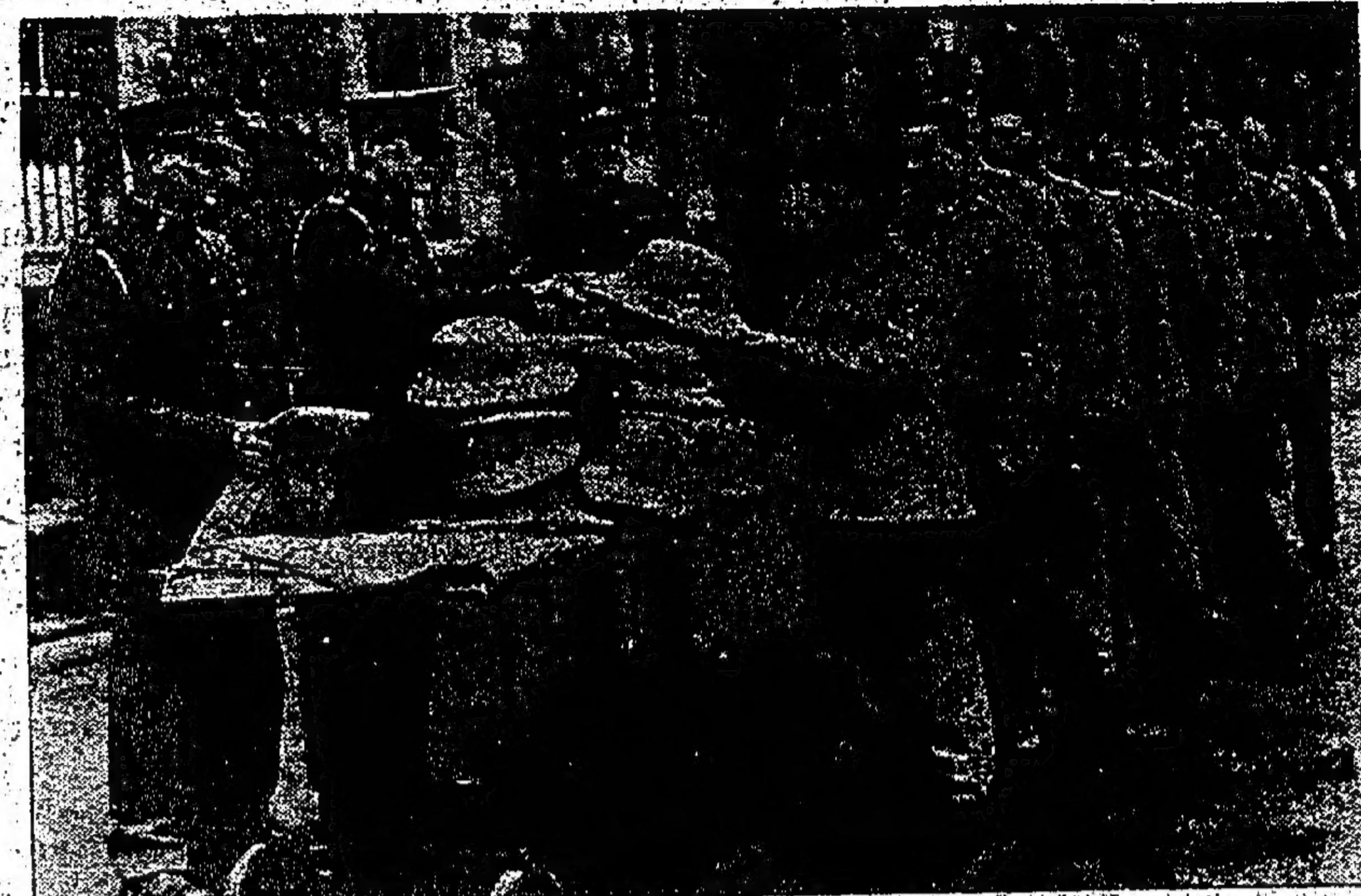
The Japanese constable alleged he had insulted the Japanese Army and incited the soldiers to attack Turner who, in the subsequent assault, suffered injuries necessitating hospital treatment.

THREATENED WITH RIFLES

Sub-Inspector Fowler and later Inspector West arrived to try and calm the Japanese officials but were themselves assaulted, Fowler being struck in the face. They were also threatened with rifles by Japanese soldiers.

Turner denied that he used any offensive remarks.

In his letter of protest, Mr. Phillips requests that the Japanese Consul-General will endeavour to arrange a strict inquiry into the



"C" Battery Royal Horse Artillery recently left Newport Barracks for Tremuogerry, India. Photo shows Men of "C" Battery being issued with their tropical kit at New port Barracks. (Fox Copyright).

PARLIAMENT NEW TO HISTORY

Moscow, To-day.
A Parliament of which human history has never seen the like, will meet here, says "Pravda," on Wednesday, when the Supreme Council of the Soviet Union will assemble to debate "most important questions of state."

The newly elected Supreme Council comprises over 1,000 members.—Trans-Ocean.

incident and ask for an assurance that suitable action will be taken to avoid a repetition of such disturbances.—British Wireless.

AIR ARMADA FOR SINGAPORE

Singapore, To-day.
Approximately 100 planes will participate in manoeuvres at the end of the month at Singapore, according to further details published yesterday.

This air armada will include twelve bombers from Kohat, Risapur and Iraq, four Singapore flying-boats, eight transport bombers from Iraq, 36 R.A.F. planes and the full complement from the aircraft-carrier H.M.S. Eagle.—Reuter.

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Throwing A Searchlight On INTRIGUE IN EUROPE

SINCE 1919, it has been clear that no Government can be in favour of a collective peace system without entering into the ideological conflict on the side of peace and democracy.

The ideology of the Covenant of the League of Nations is inseparably bound up with social justice. That is why Japan, Italy, Germany are also reactionary in their domestic policy.

The close connection between home and foreign policy becomes ever clearer as one travels through Central Europe to-day. Austria is typical.

By joining the democratic camp in Europe, Austria could secure the same guarantees that have been given to Czechoslovakia. But Chancellor Schuschnigg is only too well aware that further association with France and Czechoslovakia

Warsaw Moves

In justice to the Austrian Government, it ought to be added that a democratic foreign policy would arouse violent opposition from the Nazis, again inviting the throwing of bombs in Vienna.

The weak policy of Britain and France in the Mediterranean has strengthened the hand of those Austrians who maintain that the Powers would not stand by their country in such an emergency.

The same dilemma that confronts Austria also faces Poland.

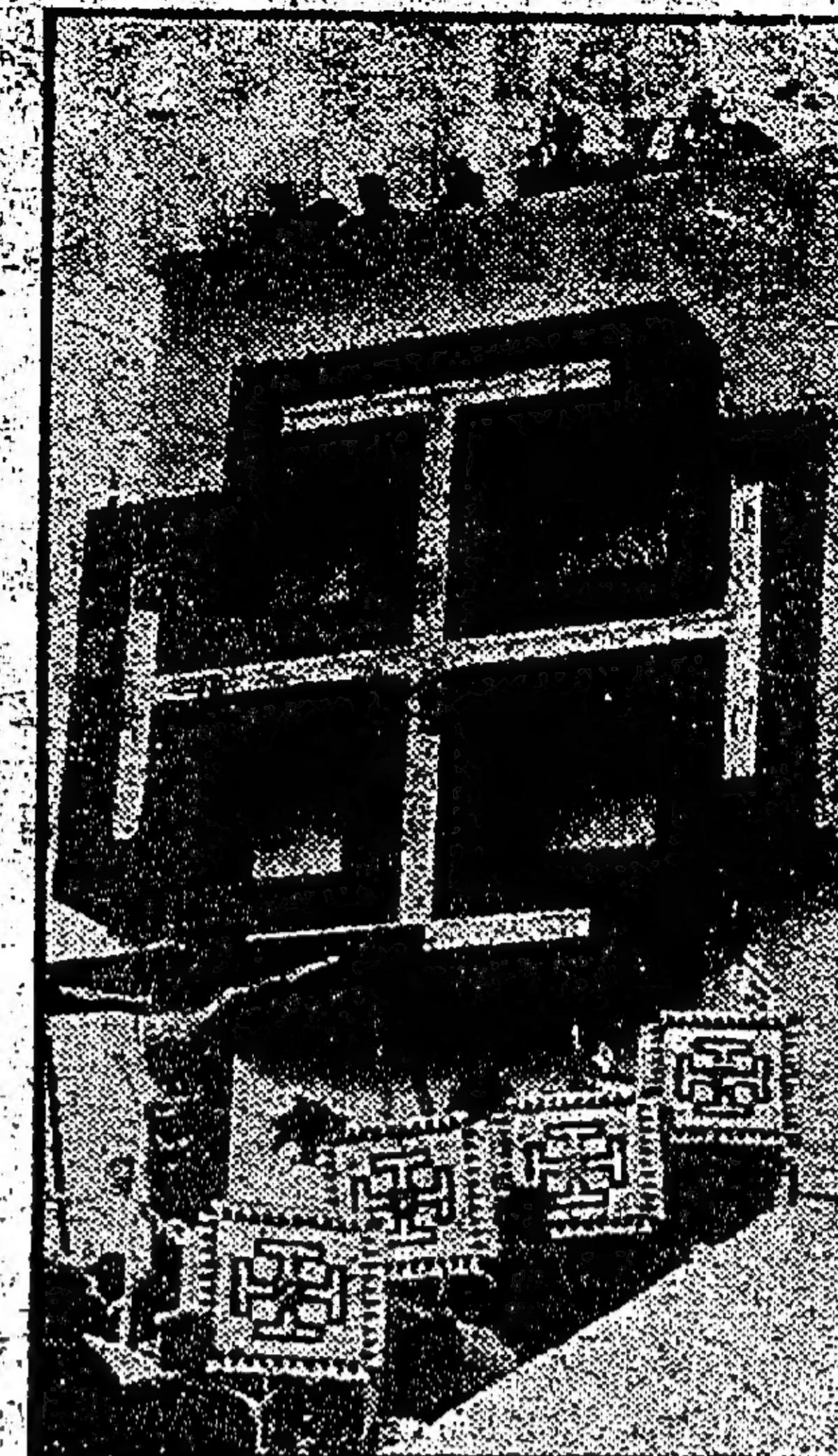
The harsh treatment of the Polish minority in Danzig since the Nazis have taken it over has given Poland some idea of what to expect in the event of Nazi aggression. But the recent peasant friend of mine recently, "we should not enter it in the conditions accompanying them have tions of 1914, but in those of 1917 or 1918."

It is true that the extremist group in Germany, led by Ribbentrop and Rosenberg, favours a quick coup in Czechoslovakia, but Goering and the Reichswehr oppose this view on the grounds that nothing short of a full-dress invasion of Czechoslovakia by Germany would now suffice to bring Bohemia into the Third Reich.

Invasion would mean general war, since France and Soviet Russia would certainly take up arms in defence of their ally.

The Reichswehr generals are well aware that Germany is not yet ready for war. As General Fritsch has said: "Though you can finish a war on ration cards, you dare not start a war on them."

"If we went to war now," a German industrialist confided to a friend of mine recently, "we should not enter it in the conditions of 1914, but in those of 1917 or 1918."



Challenge to the Swastika are these emblems of the Austrian Vaterland Front, 350,000 members of whom assemble in Vienna to renew their vow to preserve the independence of Austria.

By F. Elwyn Jones

would encourage democratic tendencies at home.

His secret police are not lacking in evidence that the working-class movement in Austria was not eliminated when the Government shells crashed through the workers' homes in February, 1934.

Schuschnigg knows that though his prisons are filled with democrats a vast illegal Trade Union movement flourishes, the Socialist and Communist parties are well organised underground, and even in his own Patriotic Front and in the official Trade Unions there is agitation for a strong democratic line.

Here are powerful allies who would fight to the death against Nazi aggression. But Schuschnigg, clinging to a reactionary policy at home, will not use them.



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alarmed the reactionary Polish Government. Dreading democracy, it talks with Berlin and Rome.

Yugoslavia is in the same position. Fearful of encouraging democracy at home, its Government, instead of continuing the democratic policy of the Little Entente, prefers to make its own arrangements with its traditional enemy, Italy.

It has been clear to political observers that ever since the rise of Italian Fascism, an embryo Fascist International has existed in the shape of an increasing goodwill between reactionaries in different countries.

Did not the overthrow of the Austrian Democratic Republic in 1934—with the aid of Italian advice, money, and arms—give the lie to the Duce's assertion that Fascism was not an article of export? The Rome Protocols between Italy, Austria, and Hungary were the logical sequence.

It was Hitler who first set up the Fascist International as a going concern by his proclamation last year of an international crusade against "Bolshevism."

Spain has shown that the leaders of the Fascist International meant business. They invented a new technique of aggression—stirring up rebellion in a national or social minority and then supplying the rebels with arms, men and money, while negotiating "non-intervention" with the Western Powers.

Lesson of Madrid

The Fascist aggression in Spain, however, has only been a limited success. Politically, it has driven London and Paris closer together. Strategically, the defence of Madrid has taught the aggressors that the determination of an ill-armed people fighting for its freedom, is strong enough to resist a well-equipped military attack.

The results in Central Europe of Madrid's resistance have been remarkable.

Germany Warned

Significant are the words of Dr. Döter, Czech Minister of Justice.

"We seek no conflict with Germany. There is no party in Czechoslovakia which does not desire friendly relations with Germany,

irrespective of the regime in power.

"But we cannot tolerate that Germany should mix in our internal affairs, or that in negotiations with Germany Czechoslovakia should appear as a country subjected to foreign orders in its internal policy."

THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

M R. D. DWYER of Windsor, was riddled with shrapnel at Passchendaele. One piece lodged at the top of his nose and caused him persistent pain. Doctors said that a delicate operation would be necessary to remove it.

The other day, Mr. Dwyer sneezed—and the piece of shrapnel—the size of a sixpence dropped into his mouth.

Frank Bruce, a Negro arrested for robbing, promised to leave the country, when the Judge agreed to his discharge.

"Thanks, your honour," said Bruce, as he turned to go, "say, give me a dime, will ya?"

Mr. Jansen, a farmer of Northern Transvaal fired a shot gun into a bevy of finches. He found that he had killed 300 birds with a single cartridge, containing 140 pellets.

Renewed appeals to the German public to hand over every foreign coin in their possession are now being made, in connexion with General Goering's drive for metal.

One appeal states: "Many comrades do not realise that they possess foreign currency when they have only a few coins. Some have small change left over from a journey abroad and a few have old cop-

per and silver coins. If they gave these coins, which are no earthly use to them, to the Winter Help, a considerable amount of silver, copper and nickel would accumulate."

Olga, a lioness belonging to a Lille circus has been killed and eaten by tigers after a terrible fight.

The animals had previously been living contentedly together, travelling about in the same cage. But, during a journey to Tourcoing, the tigers suddenly all attacked the lioness together, and killed her.

SEPTUAGINTUPLETS

Pittsfield (Massachusetts).

A grass snake has given birth to 73 young, over a period of 24 hours, thereby establishing what is believed to be a new record.

DUCK HOLDS UP THE TRAFFIC

Washington.

Once a day, the traffic in this city is held up momentarily—by a duck.

The duck is Oscar, who belongs to a florist with a shop which faces a large memorial fountain.

Oscar leaves the shop once a day, waddles across the road to the memorial fountain for his daily swim, and brings all the traffic to a full stop, amid the screeching of brakes and the shouting of surprised drivers.

KING CAROL SUPPORTS M. GOGA

Anti-Semitic Programme Approved In Principle

Alleged Illegal Mass Invasion Of Borders

London, To-day.

The anti-Semitic measures taken by the new Rumanian Cabinet were explained by King Carol yesterday to the Bucharest correspondent of the London "Daily Herald."

King Carol said that the Goga Government had established an "authoritarian regime" in Rumania. Establishment of such a regime had become an urgent necessity in view of conditions which prevailed in the country.

If he (King Carol) should be dissatisfied with the conduct of government some day, he would demand a change in Cabinet.

The Jewish problem was the most important internal question in Rumania, and it could not be denied that there was a strong anti-Semitic feeling in the country.

MASS INVASION

Measures taken for solving the Jewish question would be based on the principle that naturalisation papers of Jews who came to Rumania since the Great War would have to be re-examined, since an illegal mass invasion of Jews from Galicia and Russia had taken place in the post-War years.

The number of "undesirable" Jewish immigrants who had settled in Rumanian villages numbered roughly 250,000, the King stated.

Jews who were living in Rumania before the War would not be affected by the new measures.

Jews who were in Rumania illegally would not be expelled, but they would be deprived of political rights.—Trans-Ocean.

COOPERATIVE SOCIETY'S EMBARGO

London, To-day.

All goods of Japanese origin will be excluded from sale henceforth, following a decision to that effect by the London Co-operative Society, which represents 700,000 members.

Purchasing agents of the Society have been instructed not to buy Japanese goods in future.

It is pointed out that the Society's buyers previously had been instructed not to purchase goods when an alternative was available.

The new decision rules out all purchases of Japanese goods except those specifically authorised by the managing committee.—Trans-Ocean and Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN TO MAKE STATE VISITS

London, To-day.

Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth are shortly to pay a State visit to Brussels and Copenhagen, according to reports in circulation here.

The King of the Belgians and the King of Denmark have invited their Majesties to visit them and the King is said to have accepted the invitations.

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose will accompany their parents on the visit.—Trans-Ocean.

COUNT CIANO IN BUDAPEST

Budapest, To-day.

The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, were received by the Hungarian Regent, Admiral Horthy, yesterday.

Later, the Regent gave a luncheon in honour of his guests.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE BROUGHT TO A STANDBY

Hankow, To-day.

The Japanese advance from the south against Hsichow, the important junction on the Lunghai-Tientsin Railway, is believed to be imminent owing to the increased resistance to their advance from the north as a result of the reorganisation of the Chinese crack divisions.

General Han Fu-chu's troops have been very considerably reinforced, and the Japanese have failed to make any further progress between Chowsien and Tientsien.

It is further reported that the Chinese marines, who were withdrawn from Tsingtao, have been transferred to South Shantung where their guerilla tactics are causing the Japanese troops in that sector much discomfiture.—Trans-Ocean.

Lt. Hawkins, R.E., of Murray Barracks, reports the loss of a overcoat valued at \$45.

BID FOR PEACE WITH ITALY?

London, To-day. Italy is ready to bring about better relationships with Great Britain, according to the "News Chronicle" which reports that Mr. Anthony Eden, together with Sir Robert Vansittart had been conferring with high officials of the Quai D'Orsay with a view to ascertaining the French attitude in this matter.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN "SPY" REPORT

The German Consulate-General in Hong Kong stated this morning that no information of the arrest in Canton of a German national on "espionage" suspicions has been received locally.

It is thought possible that the report has arisen from an incident near Macao recently when a young German crossed into Chinese territory with a camera and was temporarily detained, afterwards being requested to leave Chinese territory.

HIGH R.A.F. CHIEF COMING HERE

The "China Mail" learns that Air Marshal Sir Edward L. Ellington, Inspector-General of the R.A.F., is arriving in the Colony on January 24 accompanied by Air Vice-Marshal A. W. Tedder, A.O.C., Far East, and two staff officers.

Sir Edward Ellington, is engaged on an official inspection tour of air bases overseas.

BAG SNATCHED

Miss M. A. Mescall, of the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, reports that while walking along Bowen Road at about noon yesterday, a Chinese snatched the handbag and parcel which she was carrying. In the handbag was a \$3 money order, and other articles and papers to a total value of \$36. The papers and the bag were later recovered.

EUROPEANS FINED

Two Europeans, Messrs. H. Graye and E. Landau were summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Police Court this morning for breaches of the Traffic Regulations.

Mr. Graye was fined \$2 for allowing his motor-car to cause an obstruction in Ice-House Street on December 31 last, while Mr. Landau was fined \$5 for parking his car in Theatre Lane for a period of five hours on December 27 last.

GERMAN TROOPS' CATHOLIC LEADER

Rome, To-day. "Bishop of the German Military Forces," is the title conferred upon the Apostolic Administrator Justus Rarkowski by Pope Pius XI.

The Bishop, who received the honour on his fortieth birthday, was previously known as the German "Field Bishop."—Trans-Ocean.

LABOUR PARTY AND BOYCOTT PROPOSAL

London, To-day. Yesterday's meeting of leaders of the Trade Union Congress and the Labour movement reached no definite decision regarding the question of an official embargo on Japanese goods.

However, it was decided to refer the attitude and views of the Labour movement to Continental Labour and Trade Union leaders at the meeting in Brussels on January 15 of the joint Internationals.

It appears that everything will depend on the attitude of the Continental movement.—Reuter.

STRANGE LORRY ACCIDENT

A strange accident was revealed when Chan Chak-kui, driver of lorry No. 1913, went to No. 7 Police Station to report an accident while driving in Connaught Road West near Queen Street yesterday. In avoiding a boy, he swerved and some planks which were in the lorry struck the pillar of the verandah.

When at No. 7 Police station making a report to this effect, an unknown Chinese was found in the lorry in an unconscious condition but with no apparent external injury. He was immediately taken to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the two lectures to have been given by Mr. J. B. Montargis at the Union Assembly Room (University of Hong Kong) on Saturday, January 15, and Thursday, January 20 are cancelled.



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Hong Kong, Tuesday, January 11, 1938

REALISM

Most of the concessions made by the Powers to Japan in the tangled course of the last few months have been condoned on the ground that a realistic view of the political situation, taken by and large, permitted of no other course. It is difficult, however, to associate realism with the attitude which, it is predicted, will be adopted by Mr. Neville Chamberlain and the Foreign Office concerning the Shanghai Municipal Council's request for guidance in the matter of the Japanese "ultimatum." The suggestion is that the Council will be advised to meet the Japanese demands, with the proviso that special measures be placed expressly on a temporary basis and without prejudice to the permanent arrangement which would affect other Powers with rights in the Settlement.

If this is seriously submitted as a solution of the present difficulties in Shanghai, it reveals a lamentable lack of understanding of the situation in the Far East. Moreover, with no possible excuse, All dealings with and activities of Japan have shown two things, one, that her military leaders are engaged in the fulfilment of a set programme, the general lines of which are beyond misunderstanding, and secondly, that if she can attain her ends by polite assurances she is prepared to give them. All the assurances in the world, nevertheless, would be needed, and then be discounted, before anyone in the Far East would deceive himself into the belief that the Japanese having once gained for themselves new privileges and powers in Shanghai would ever give them up. Since the fall of Shanghai, Japan's intentions vis-a-vis the Settlement administration have been made plain in countless ways. The "incidents" of the past week are marked as part and parcel of the campaign of pressure. If the British Government, for their part, are prepared to give way in this instance also, let them say so, and not pretend either to themselves or to any one else that Japan will consent to a "temporary" arrangement, or at all events to voluntary abandonment once the "temporary" arrangement has been put into operation.

Witches and warlocks, trolls, demons, and all the brood of horrid fictions that once held him in thrall no longer peep and mutter at his elbow—the "powers" of darkness render only one continent "dark" to any great extent to-day.

Civilised man has his bogies. Like the Tibetan scanning the snow, he looks fearfully along the sands of time, lest, in his case, he espy the print of a mailed foot. Yet he need not dread a cloven hoof; and the disturber of his peace is not beyond reach of reason, nor invincible against all his precaution.

Japan's Troubles

Believing throughout that Chiang Kai-shek's resistance would suddenly collapse and that a quick decision would be achiev-

ed, Japan has at last been compelled to accept the inevitability of prolonged hostilities in China and to plan accordingly. That seems to be the explanation of the meeting of the Tokyo Cabinet and Imperial Headquarters on Saturday. Only with the greatest reluctance has this viewpoint been accepted in Tokyo, but it has been accepted and a revival of military activity in the Yangtze Valley may be anticipated at any time. Whether hostilities will be extended to South China depends largely upon the vigour of the Chinese resistance. New tactics are reported to have been arranged at a military conference in Hankow and these tactics can only mean that unless Japan is prepared to increase largely the strength of her fighting forces in China as a whole, there will be none to spare for what was intended to be a piecemeal "clean-up" in Kwangtung. Already Japan has twenty divisions on active service when she thought the "affair" could be managed with six, and the effect upon her economy has been exposed by the "stabilisation of the yen," a Japanese euphemism for strict governmental control of the exchange market, compelled by heavy shipments of gold out of the country to pay for military necessities. Efforts are being made partially to repair the damage by swift exploitation in North China and by flooding the Yangtze market with Japanese goods entering duty-free, but the one method depends upon the development time factor and the other upon "buyers" who have been bayoneted. As was suggested in these columns weeks ago, the capture of Nanking was a military victory, marking the beginning, not the end of Japan's troubles.

The Snowmen

Discoveries by Mr. F. S. Smythe, the well-known English mountaineer, have exploded, to the satisfaction anyway of some Westerners, the legend of the "Abominable Snowmen," who were supposed to lurk in the high recesses of the Himalayas. He has proved that the tracks that have been found from time to time in the snow, and attributed by the Tibetans to a race of monstrous and supernatural Old Men of the Mountains, belong actually to a species of bear. It is to be hoped that the Tibetans will accept the fact, too, and worry no more over the trouble that is Bruin on the hills.

One of the greater benefits that have accrued to civilised man is the fact that he is no more like one, that on a lonely

road

Doth walk in fear and dread

Because he knows, a frightful fiend

Doth close behind him

tread.

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TSINGTAO OCCUPATION A MENACE TO HONGKONG?

German Speculation On Outlook In South China

WILL BRITAIN WATCH WITH FOLDED ARMS?

MOMENTOUS TOKYO WAR COUNCIL

Tokyo, To-day.

It is understood that the Imperial Conference is being held at Tokyo at 2 o'clock this afternoon to confirm the decision reached by the emergency Cabinet meeting yesterday afternoon regarding Japan's fundamental policy vis-a-vis the China situation.

Yesterday afternoon's emergency meeting of the Cabinet reaffirmed the decision reached at yesterday's joint conference between the Cabinet and Imperial Headquarters, and also at the Cabinet meeting which followed the joint conference.

It is understood the decision lays down that the Government will pursue a vigorous policy to eradicate the anti-Japanese regime in China unless the Chiang Kai-shek administration reconsiders its action "with sincerity."

THE CONFERENCES

The Imperial Conference is being held at the Imperial Palace in the presence of the Emperor, and will be attended by Prince Kanin, Chief of General Staff of the Army, Prince Fushima, Chief of General Staff of the Navy, Lt.-Gen. Tada, Vice-Chief of General Staff of the Army, Vice-Admiral Ioga, Vice-Chief of General Staff of the Navy, representing Imperial Headquarters, and the Premier, Prince Konoye, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, the War Minister, Gen. Sugiyama, the Navy Minister, Admiral Yonai, the Home Minister, Admiral Suetsugu, and the Finance Minister, Mr. Kaya, representing the Cabinet.

Following the Imperial Conference the Government is likely to issue an important statement.

Reuter.

PEACE TALK RUMOURS REVIVED

Tokyo, To-day.

Peace talk rumours have been revived by the German Ambassador, Herr von Dirksen, calling on the Japanese Foreign Minister for what is described as an "important conversation."

Meanwhile, it is understood that the Cabinet is contemplating recall of the Ambassador, Mr. Kawagoe, from Shanghai, in

Japanese Fleet Freed For New Enterprises

Berlin, To-day.

Japanese occupation of Tsingtao has made a deep impression in Berlin, particularly in view of the fact that the port was once a German colonial possession.

Political circles are wondering whether it will be the prelude to far-reaching decisive activity on the part of the Japanese fleet which may involve a menace to Hong Kong.

The newspaper "Der Angriff" says: "Will the British watch with folded arms the loss of tremendously important regions around Hong Kong?"

"That is the most critical question in international politics today."

"Great Britain's rearmament came too late, and that of the United States has come still later." — Reuter.

JAPANESE DECLARATION

Tokyo, To-day.

After the landing of Japanese marines at Tsingtao, which encountered no resistance, Japanese headquarters issued a declaration concerning the attitude which will be adopted by Japan towards foreigners in that city.

The declaration emphasises that the rights and interests of third parties will be respected, and requests all foreigners, for the sake of their own safety, to remove to a specially delimited security zone. — Trans-Ocean.

OCCUPATION OF CANTON

Tokyo, To-day.

In view of the Cabinet's decision that the "anti-Japanese Chinese Government be removed," and in view of the announcement that further important decisions are to be expected, all the papers speculate widely on measures likely to be taken by Japan.

It is said that an influential group of Japanese political and military leaders are demanding not only a declaration of war against China but also a blockade of the entire Chinese coast, and suppression of all importation of foreign goods into China.

Possibility of occupation of Canton is also again mentioned by the papers. — Trans-Ocean.

conformity with its policy to exterminate the anti-Japanese regime in China.

The Imperial Conference to be convoked to-morrow will be attended by the Emperor, and will be the first during the present Emperor's reign. — Reuter.

TOKYO IMPERIAL CONFERENCE TO-DAY

Tokyo, To-day.

The Premier, Prince Konoye, has obtained the Emperor's sanction for the opening of the highly important Imperial Conference in the presence of the Emperor at the Imperial Palace this afternoon, "designed to carry out the Government's China policies to meet the new situation." — Reuter.

JAPAN'S RICHTHOFEN SHOT DOWN

Tokyo, To-day.

Captain Obayashi, who by reason of his air exploits was known as the "Japanese Richthofen," was shot down and fatally injured in the air raid on Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi.

This was revealed in a bulletin issued by the Japanese Admiralty last night.

Capt. Obayashi was one of Japan's most daring aviators and it is claimed that he had brought down over 30 Chinese planes. — Trans-Ocean.

BOMBERS HOLD UP HANKOW REFUGEE TRAIN

Canton, To-day.

The refugee train from Hankow, on which are the British Vice-Consul, the Italian Consul and two American naval officers and 70 American sailors, is held up at Loktung, 35 miles north of Canton, due to an air raid alarm which sounded at 8.50 this morning.

According to Chinese reports, three Japanese planes were sighted this morning at Tungkawan, heading in the direction of Bocca Tigris.

Meanwhile, details of last night's moonlight raid have not yet come in from the various points along the railway.

Passengers on the evening train to Canton from Hong Kong had an exciting time at Chengmuktow, and they had to spend over two hours in the paddy fields during an air raid alarm, the train finally arriving in Canton at 10.45 p.m., almost three hours late. — Reuter.

NEW PLANES FOR C.N.A.C.

Reconstructed at the aerodrome at Kai Tak, two Commodore flying-boats, previously used by the Pan-American Airways on their South American services, are being tested over Hong Kong, prior to being placed by the China National Aviation Corporation on the Hong Kong-Chungking service.

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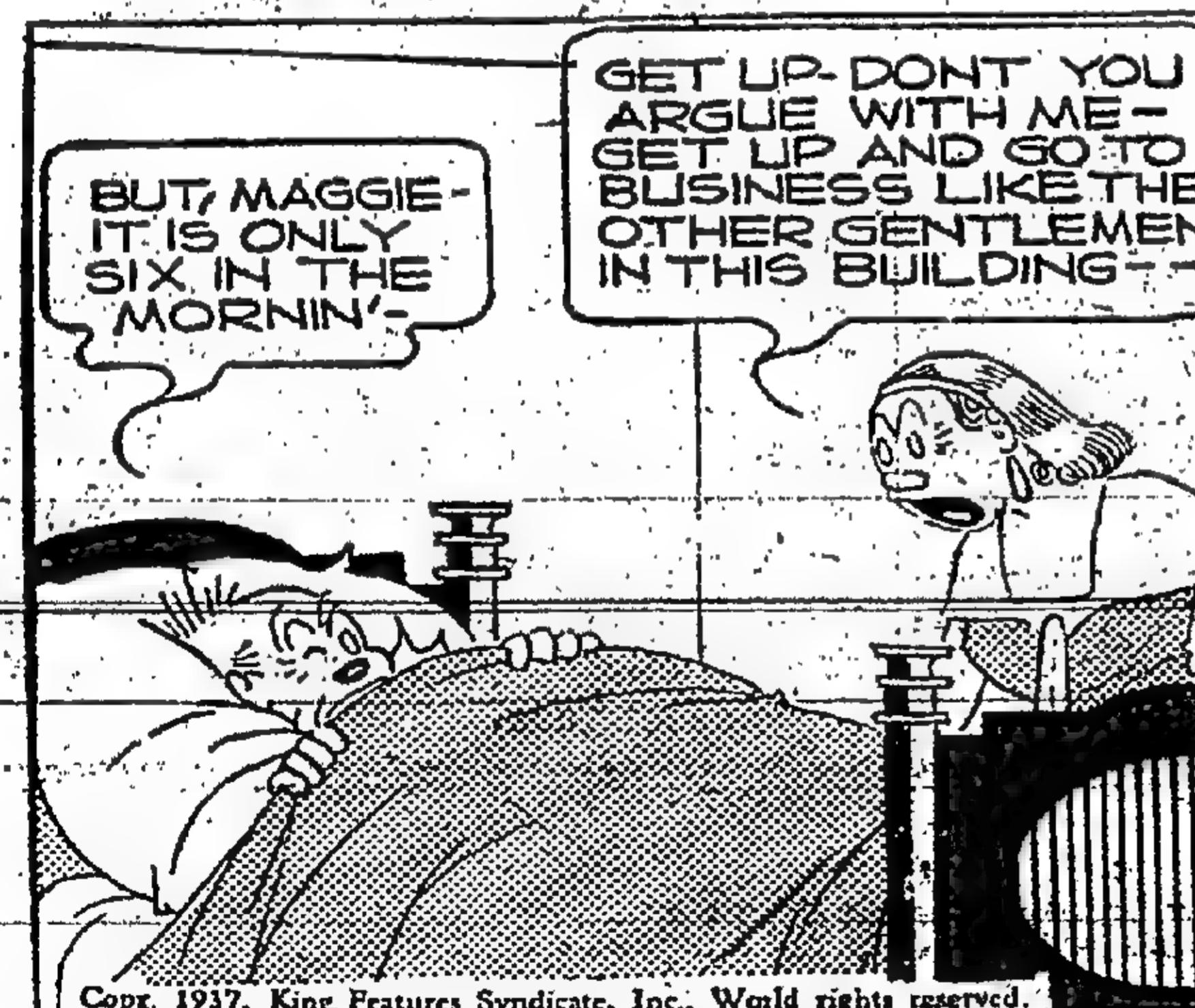
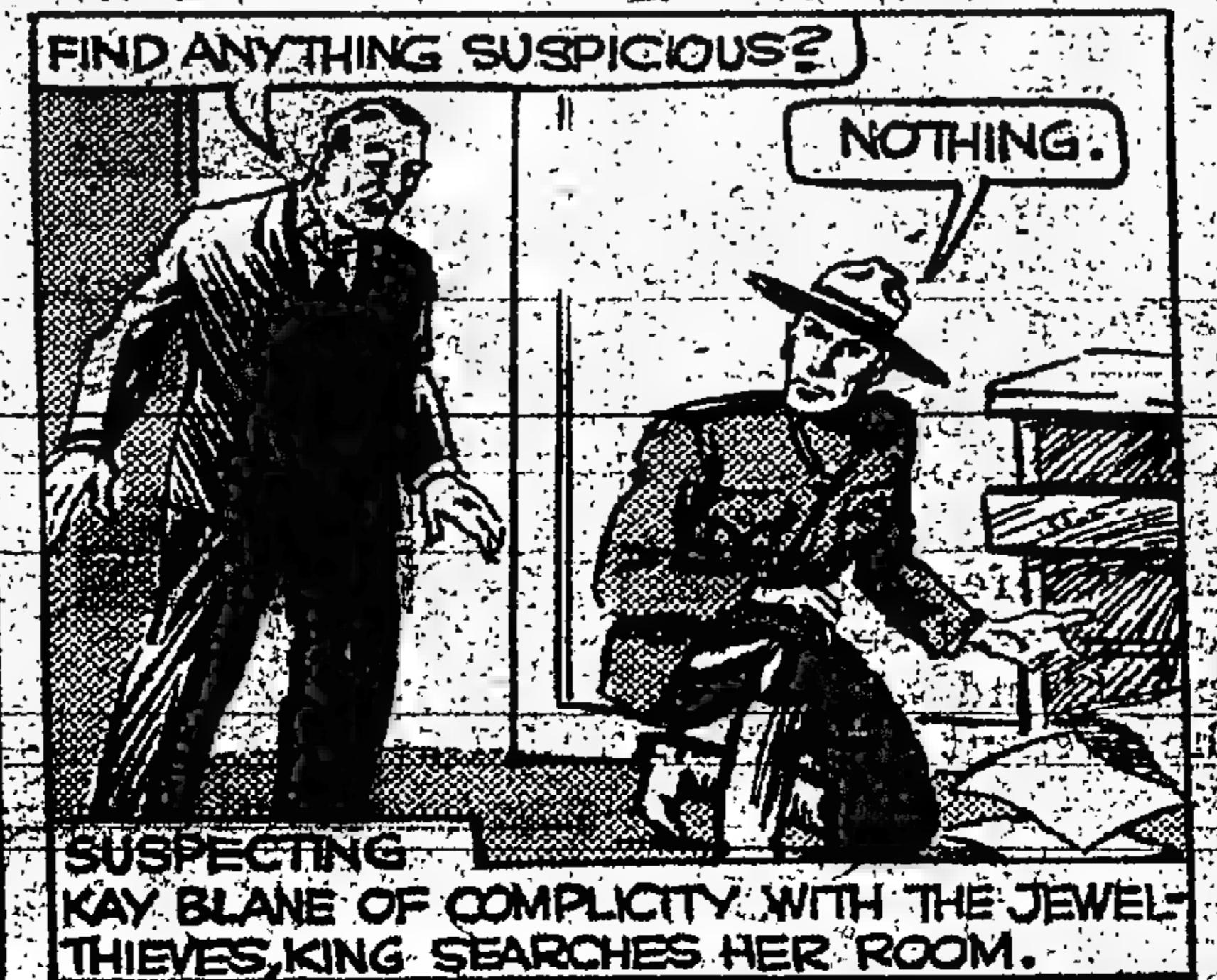
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Paris, To-day.

Identical statements by the British and French Governments regarding the future of the League of Nations are expected to be made at the League Council meeting on January 17, says "Le Petit Parisien."

The paper says that these statements, *inter alia*, will contain a passage which should allay doubts felt by the minor Powers regarding the question of economic sanctions in the event of violation of the League Covenant.

The paper says that M. Joseph Avenol (League Secretary-General) will confer with leading British and French statesmen this week in order to discuss this joint Anglo-British statement.

The paper "Epoque" says that the question of reform of the League Covenant was discussed briefly during the recent visit to London of the French Premier and Foreign Minister.

REFORM PROPOSALS

It is likely that the question of League reform will be officially raised before the plenary session of the League Assembly in September, says the paper, expressing the opinion that the situation may be considerably altered by events which occur in the meantime. Trans-Ocean.

COMING BIRTH OF HEIR TO DUTCH THRONE

The Hague, To-day.

All Holland is looking forward with tense expectation to the birth of an heir to the throne, which should take place during the next few days.

It is stated that if the child should be a boy it will be named William, while Wilhelmina is stated to be the name selected if it should be a girl.

On the day the baby is born all school children throughout the Netherlands will be given a holiday and those in elementary schools will be given a special treat in the form of pastries. — Trans-Ocean.

PARIS OUTRAGE ARRESTS

Paris, To-day.

A number of arrests have been made in connection with the bomb outrage in Paris on September 12 last year, when explosions in two employers' headquarters near the Arc de Triomphe resulted in the

death of two policemen.

The Surete is reported to have discovered the men connected with the outrage. — Reuter.

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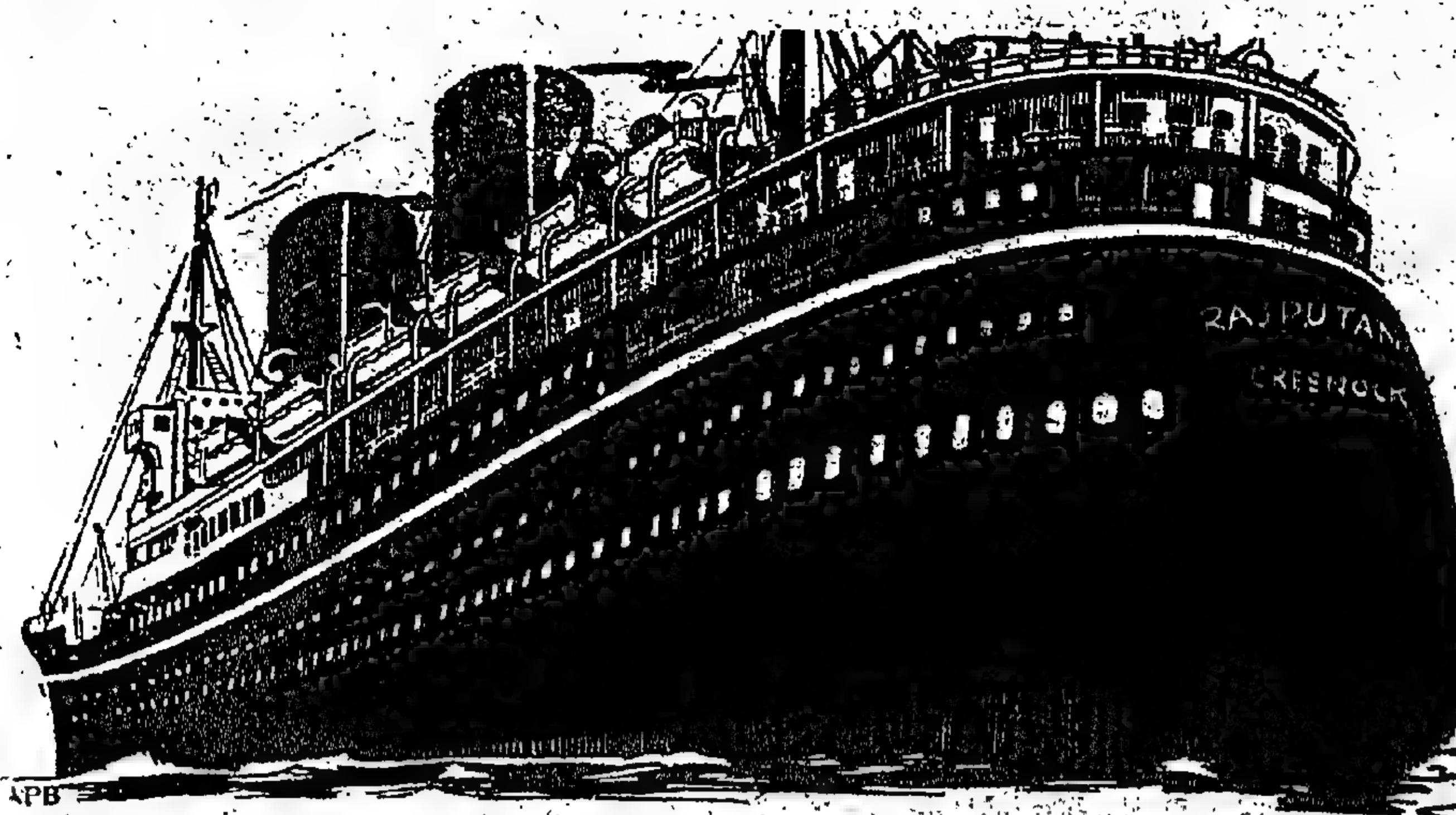
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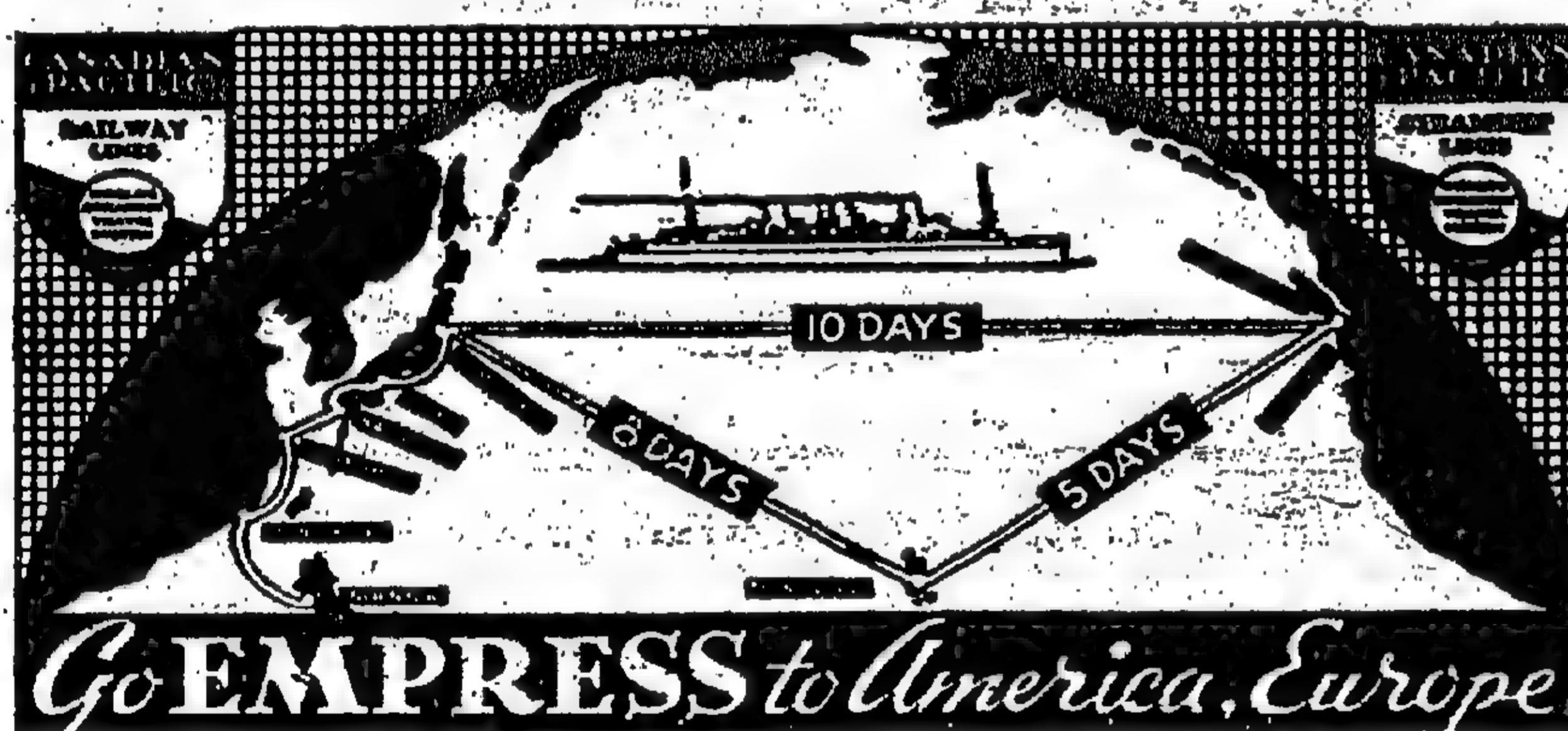
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RESUMPTION OF CALL AT SHANGHAI

Commencing with the Empress of Russia from Hong Kong January 26, 1938, Canadian Pacific "EMPRESSES" will call at Shanghai on the eastbound voyage.

The Empress of Asia from Vancouver will call at Shanghai on January 24th, en route to Hong Kong.

SAILING TO MANILA

Empress of Japan on January 13th.

at 6 P.M.

Canadian Pacific

**M. M. LINER
SUICIDE**

A Belgian subject, Van Ven Eede Alois, aged 43, a mining engineer, jumped overboard from the M.M. liner "d'Artagnan," on which he was a passenger, at sea. His body was picked up.

**BASLE BANK
REPORT**

Basle, To-day. The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Bank of International Settlements, read at yesterday's meeting of the Board, describes developments during the past year as entirely satisfactory. Business, it was stated, has been quite normal.—Trans-Ocean.

**Singapore Raw
Rubber**

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Feb/March 24 b. Up 1½.

April/June 24½ b. Up 1½.

July/Sept. 24¾ b. Up 1½.

Market:—Firm.

Mr. E. Filmore of 118, Nathan Road, Kowloon, has reported to the police that someone bored a hole in his back door during the night. Nothing was stolen, but the damage done amounted to \$5.

The Kowloon Cricket Club are holding a Chinese New Year Dance on Monday, January 31st, from 9.30 p.m. till 2.30 a.m. Sequeira Bros. Jazz Band will provide the music.

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**MOSCOW FULL
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London, To-day.

The Moscow correspondent of the "Daily Express" says that extensive preparations are being taken to prevent incidents on Wednesday when the Supreme Council of the Soviet Union meets at the Kremlin.

The paper says that 25,000 G.P.U. agents have been concentrated in Moscow to guard the Kremlin.—Trans-Ocean.

**LOCAL SHARE
MARKET**

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1440 b., \$1445 sa.
Hong Kong Bank (Lon. Reg.) \$37 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$51½ b.

H. K. Steamboats \$9 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H. K. and K. Wharves \$114 b.

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H. K. and S. Hotels \$5.20 b., \$5.30 s.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways \$18.70 b., \$18.60 sa.

Peak Trams (Old) \$7½ s.

Peak Trams (New) \$3¾ s.

Star Ferries \$80 b.

China Lights (Old) \$10.45 b.

H. K. Electrics \$52½ b.

Sandakan Lights \$14½ s.

Telephones (Old) \$25.55 b., \$26 s.

Telephones (New) \$8.35 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cantons Ices \$1.70 s.

Cements \$12.60 b.

H. K. Ropes \$3¾ b.

STORES, &c.

Watsons \$4.70 b., \$4.80 sa.

MISCELLANEOUS

Constructions \$1½ b.

Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G. & Bds. 74% b., 76½% sa.

H. K. Govt. 3½% Loan 1½% pm. b.

Wallace Harpers \$3½ b.

Marsmans Inv. (H. K.) s./ 3/6 b.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1½%.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 19-19/16, and forward at 19½.

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ANGLO-U.S. TRADE TALKS NEXT MONTH

STAGGERED HOURS FOR TRAFFIC RELIEF

London, To-day.

Negotiations for an Anglo-American trade agreement will be formally opened about the middle of February though it is not expected that the agreement will be signed before June.

The British experts who will assist the British Ambassador in the negotiations in Washington will leave England on February 1, two of the leading members of the delegation being Mr. Overton, secretary of the Ministry of Trade and Mr. Stirling. The latter is already in Washington and will have done a great deal of preparatory work in the drawing up of the agreement etc., before the other members of the delegation arrive in Washington.—Trans-Ocean.

AMBASSADOR AS CHIEF DELEGATE

London, To-day.

It is announced that Sir Ronald Lindsay, His Majesty's Ambassador at Washington, and Mr. A. E. Overton, joint Second Secretary to the Board of Trade, will be the delegates of the United Kingdom in the forthcoming trade negotiations with the United States of America.

The delegates will be assisted by officers of the Board of Trade and of other departments.

Mr. H. O. Chalkley, Commercial Councillor at Washington, will be adviser to the delegation. It is expected that the discussions will begin in Washington about the middle of February.—British Wireless.

POLISH MINISTER ON FOREIGN POLICY

Warsaw, To-day.

During a debate in the Polish Parliament, Poland's foreign policy was outlined at length by the Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, who said that the good relationships between Poland and the Soviet Union as well as with Germany have not been affected by the changes on the "international chess board."

Poland's friendship with France and Rumania were likewise unaffected.

The Minister went on to say that the conclusion of an agreement between Poland and Germany regarding the mutual treatment of their national minorities on either side of the frontier serves to strengthen the previous agreement reached by the two countries in 1934.

Referring to the League of Nations, Colonel Beck said that it would be dangerous to regard the League as an instrument against totalitarian States.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN EMBASSY IN NANKING

Nanking, To-day.

Three officials of the German Embassy, who had left the city before its capture by the Japanese, have just returned here aboard a British gunboat from Shanghai.

The Nanking office of the German Embassy will resume its activities under the direction of the Legation Secretary, Dr. Rosen. Its first task will be to safeguard the interests of German nationals in the city.—Trans-Ocean.

DR. LEY IN MILAN

Milan, To-day.

The leader of the German Labour Front, Dr. Robert Ley, arrived here on Sunday and was welcomed by the President of the Union of Industrial Workers.

Dr. Ley returned to Germany by plane yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

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R. W. ROBERTS,
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V. KANO, Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th September, 1937.

ITALIAN FARM HANDS TO WORK IN GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.

A large number of Italian farm hands, probably numbering 30,000, will be brought to Germany in order to help German peasants, according to an Italo-German agreement.

There has recently been a noticeable shortage of farm hands in Germany, owing to the heavy demands of the Four-Year Plan.

The Italian labourers will be mainly engaged in potato, sugar and bean cultivation.—Reuters.

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The above group photograph was taken last Sunday morning on the occasion of the farewell hockey match to Capt. G. W. P. Kimm, retiring Chairman of the Mamak Hockey Tournament, who can be seen in the middle of the back row between Mr. G. E. Clarke (left), Hon. Secretary of the Mamak Tournament, and Inspector Tylor (right), Hon. Secretary of the United Tournament. The match resulted in a win for United over Mamak by 2 goals to 1. ("Mail" photo).

"Striking Shots"

(By "STICKS")

PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION AT THE MOMENT IS THE MACAO HOCKEY CLUB'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE FORTHCOMING INTERPORT WITH THE COLONY, AND POSSIBLY AGAINST MALAYA, WHO ARE TRYING TO SEND A TEAM HERE. I UNDERSTAND FROM THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION THAT NO WORD HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM MACAO, ALTHOUGH THEIR OVERTURE TO OUR INVITATION TO VISIT THE COLONY IS LONG OVERDUE. WHAT ABOUT IT MACAO!

I think the crux of the matter is that Macao are not quite ready for us, as the dearth of visiting teams to the Portuguese Island is quite apparent. In this connection, it is interesting to note that several of the hockey clubs in the Colony intend making visits there either this month or next.

The Hong Kong Hockey Club intended visiting Macao on January 16, but have now had to call the visit off as three of their forwards are unable to make the trip. Victor Bond is on the sick list, while neither S. A. Fowler nor B. L. Bickford are able to get away at the moment. I understand from Mr. G. Sommer, the Club's energetic Hon. Secretary, that a visit will probably be made early in February if it is agreeable to Macao.

In connection with the Club, it is interesting to note that Norman Whitley has returned to the Colony and will most probably fill his old berth at left-half in the very near future. R. L. D. Wodehouse has returned to the Colony after extensive business travels and is filling in the gaps in the second team. Wodehouse is playing very good hockey at the moment, and on his recent performances should qualify for a position in the first team's attack. Unfortunately for him, he is never quite certain when he will be able to play and as a result the Club have wisely decided to maintain the same-forward line for every match.

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THE CENTRAL BRITISH ASSOCIATION ARE STAGING A COMEBACK IN THE HOCKEY FIELD AND ON SUNDAY MORNING DEFEATED THE ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS, MINUS A. G. COX AND A. F. AUSTEN, BY FIVE CLEAR GOALS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WILL BE VISITING MACAO ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, AND SHOULD GIVE A GOOD ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES. IN A RECENT MATCH IN THE COLONY THEY DEFEATED THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS BY THE ONLY GOAL OF THE MATCH.

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The C.B.A. are able to field a fairly strong team and with everybody fit the following should represent them in Macao:



J. J. King; Taylor and S. MacNider; D. Blake, Fit. Lt. Wallace and N. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. H. Fowler, B. L. Bickford and V. C. Bond. It will be seen from the above that with the exception of G. H. Fowler, the entire forward line plays for the Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven.

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The many friends of Mrs. W. "Betty" Stoker will be pleased to hear that she is making splendid progress at the Canossa Hospital following a recent operation. She is not expected to play hockey for the C.B.A. Ladies for some time.

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The Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club will hold their annual dance at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel on Saturday, January 29.

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The European Y.M.C.A. Hockey Sections (Men's and Ladies') held a very successful dance in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel, last Friday night, when a fairly big gathering attend. This will probably be the forerunner of many similar functions, as previously, these dances were always held in the West Lounge of the European Y.M.C.A.

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The "Y" Ladies' friendly encounter against the Central British Association Ladies, last Saturday, was a very dull affair, although the former did extremely well under the circumstances to win by 2 goals to 1 after sharing the spoils at the interval.

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The outstanding player on view was Mrs. A. B. Henry, who was well-nigh invincible at right-half. Another to shine was Miss

GLASGOW SOCCER TOURNAMENT NEXT YEAR

London, To-day. Sunderland F.C. and Chelsea F.C. have accepted invitations to take part in the Empire Exhibition football tournament in Glasgow next year.

Arsenal will also take part if their Continental commitments permit. Manchester City, the other club invited, have withdrawn, and Everton may take their place. Scottish clubs competing are Rangers, Celtic, Hearts and Aberdeen.—Trans-Ocean.

Dorothy Moss, in the C.B.A. goal. But for her display between the sticks the "Y" Ladies might well easily have doubled their score.

Anne Fowler, the "Y" Skipper and left-back, gave a rousing display at centre-forward and netted the winning goal. The "Y" attack, incidentally, was without the services of Mrs. Read (centre-forward), Mrs. Gardner (inside-right) and Miss Marjorie Westcott (left-wing) and considering these absentees they did well to win.

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I understand that Mrs. Milne (nee Edie Thomson) will not be playing hockey this season, having but recently returned here from Home. She will, however, play again next season when she should considerably strengthen the "Y" half-back line.

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Probably one of the finest exhibitions of hockey was given by the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club last Saturday when they swamped the 8th Destroyer Flotilla by 9 clear goals in the Semi-Final Round of the Inter-Section Tournament. They will now meet the Rajputana Rifles, who also beat the Destroyers (by 8 goals to 2) in the final, which has not yet been given a ground or date.

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Another encounter which provided hockey par excellence was the farewell game in honour of Capt. G. W. P. Kimm, Chairman of the Mamak Hockey Tournament. Both sides were really outstanding. Hassan catching the eye at centre-half for the Radio team, while A. G. Cox and Malik were also in the limelight and should no doubt secure Interport trial recognition.

"Striking Shots"

(By "STICKS")

It seems that in Lt. Saval Khan, Lt. Pritam Nath and Gurbachan Singh, all of whom played for the Radio against the United team in last Sunday's exhibition game, we have found the perfect inside-combination, but what of Pyara Singh? The latter cannot be ignored, especially after last Saturday's display against the Destroyers when he was almost perfect!

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An example of how a forward combination or team can be wrecked by the non-appearance of one player was supplied last Wednesday afternoon when the Hong Kong Hockey Club defeated the Police by a solitary goal in their return encounter, the first of which was won by the Police.

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Bond failed to put in an appearance on the left-wing, and despite the fact that Norman Whitley donned his "cricket boots" and filled in a vacancy at inside-left, the whole of the Club attack was disorganized.

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The one thing that struck me about this game was that there was too much laxity in the control and several players on both sides should have been censured for barging and tackling on the wrong side, while some of the efforts made to "spoil" were typical examples of viciousness, which has been so prevalent in Colony hockey in recent seasons.

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It is a pity indeed that we have not many more Umpires of the calibre of Capt. Kimm, who will long be remembered in the Colony and in Macao for the brilliant manner in which he handles the game.

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IN CAPT. KIMM'S DEPARTURE FOR HOME NEXT SATURDAY, COLONY HOCKEY CIRCLES WILL BE SADLY DEPLETED. I HAVE WITNESSED THE GROWTH OF HOCKEY IN THE COLONY SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND MUST ADMIT THAT CAPT. KIMM HAS PLAYED NO SMALL PART IN IT. HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE MAMAK TOURNAMENT IS ALONE PROOF OF HIS GREAT WORK IN COLONY HOCKEY, AND I FOR ONE SHALL REGRET HIS DEPARTURE.

UNIVERSITY "B" OUTCLASSED AT BADMINTON

KING'S COLLEGE TRIUMPH

LAST NIGHT'S MATCHES

Even with the assistance of C. H. Soon, who played for the first time this season, the University "B" team were unable to make an impression in the "A" Division of the Men's Doubles Badminton League, being defeated by 7 games to 2 by King's College.

Club de Recreio "A" maintained their 100 per cent. record by beating St. Andrew's "B" by a similar margin.

Only one match in the "B" Division was decided last night, when St. John's just managed to scrape through with the points, beating St. Andrew's by the odd game in nine.

Recreio "B" were unable to field a team against University "A" and conceded the latter a walk-over in their "A" Division encounter.

The following were last night's results:

RECREIO "A" CONTINUE THEIR VICTORIES

At King's Park Recreio "A" beat St. Andrew's "A" by 7 games to 2:

L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio "A").	
beat E. F. Fincher and A. S. Bliss	21—9
beat W. C. Choy and H. Kew	21—10
beat F. A. Broadbridge and F. V. Wong	21—5

M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios (Recreio "A").	
beat Fincher and Bliss	21—7
beat Choy and Kew	21—12
beat Broadbridge and Wong	21—15

H. A. Alves and H. A. Barros (Recreio "A").	
beat Fincher and Bliss	21—11
lost to Choy and Kew	13—21
lost to Broadbridge and Wong	22—23

UNIVERSITY "B" DEFEATED

At Bonham Road King's College beat University by 7 games to 2:

S. P. Chan and H. N. Chung (King's).	
beat C. E. Heng and M. S. Lim	21—9
beat C. H. Soon and A. K. Pang	21—6
beat K. H. Goh and S. S. Loke	21—8

K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung (King's).	
beat Heng and Lim	21—16
lost to Soon and Pang	3—21
lost to Goh and Loke	6—21

T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's).	
beat Heng and Lim	21—1
beat Soon and Pang	21—13
beat Goh and Loke	21—12

"B" DIVISION

ST. JOHN'S BEAT ST. ANDREW'S

At the Cathedral St. John's beat St. Andrew's by 5 games to 4:

G. A. Smith and A. Keown (St. John's).	
beat L. E. Kirby and J. P. Dawson	21—14
lost to M. Weill and F. H. Stokes	16—21
beat Broadbridge and W. Knox	21—0

P. Wilson and F. Neunmal (St. John's).	
lost to Kirby and Dawson	14—21
lost to Weill and Stokes	20—23
lost to Broadbridge and Knox	12—21

F. H. Kwok and A. J. Bennett (St. John's).	
beat Kirby and Dawson	21—12
beat Weill and Stokes	21—11
beat Broadbridge and Knox	21—7



The Civilian soccer side which lost to the Chinese in the Semi-Final Round of the Lai Wah Cup Competition last Saturday is seen above, reading from left to right (standing), J. Skinner, A. Wilson, Chris Pile, F. J. Remedios, Manning, A. S. Bliss and Ullrich (kneeling) Tommy Pile, D. Leonard, D. Knox, Howlett and Hon-niball. ("Mail" photo).

SCOTLAND'S RUGBY FIFTEEN

WHO WILL BE THE HALF BACKS?

(By PLEGAN)

Glasgow, November 27.

While all billets in a Rugby fifteen are important, there are those who state definitely that the half back ones, as the pivotal positions, are the outstanding ones. Brilliant three-quarters and grand packs can be made impotent by weak-playing half backs. It is true that poor performances in any part of the field are apt to throw a team out; but, I think, it will be admitted that a stand-off half or scrum-half who becomes "wild" can have the most devastating effect upon a side.

We can discard the North-Midlands game when we consider the possibles for Scotland's fifteen. This is a trial for a trial, North versus South, which only makes the Midlands trial prior to their game with the North all the more farcical.

But we must take into consideration the men who were on view last Saturday, at Perth. They were:—R. S. Lind (Dunfermline), and G. A. D. Lamb (Melrose), stand-off; and E. R. Winton (St. Andrews University) and T. F. Dorward (Gala), scrums.

Then, too, the men who played last season in the national side, and, owing to their appearance against England, are still in possession, must be thought about. W. R. Logan (Edinburgh Wanderers) filled the scrum billet in all three games. W. A. Ross (Hillhead High School F.P.) partnering him against Wales and England. R. B. Bruce-Lockhart came in for Ross against



Grieve, the old Oxford "Blue" and Duke of Wellington's Regiment player; and A. I. S. Macpherson (London Scottish). In recent games, all these three players have undoubtedly been putting up brilliant performances. I am positively informed that Macpherson has shown much of the brilliancy of his famous brother, "G. P. S.", of late.

Bruce-Lockhart has got his "blue" in the teeth of fierce opposition. It is said that F. J. Reynolds, England's man against Scotland last season, who will be home early next month, will not be able to keep Grieve out of the Army side. H. Lind (London Scottish) is doing great deeds.

IN SCOTLAND

Then, in Scotland, we have Ross, Lind, Lamb, I. G. P. Thomson (Melville College F.P.s), and, maybe, W. Nicholson (West of Scotland), flicking a hopeful eye in the direction of the selectors.

I should like to see more of Lind. I admire his methods. He may not be so clever as his brother, Harry, but, sometimes, he is not far behind him. Lamb we can discount. Nicholson, too, I think. But young Thomson has been doing wonders for Melville College F.P.s this sea-



But, in my opinion, the billet will go to an Anglo-Scot. I do not think Ross is playing so well that he must keep the position.

SCRUM-HALF

The scrum-half post requires some deep thinking. W. R. Logan looks like going on for ever. He has had a number of partners—Lind, W. D. Emslie, K. L. T. Jackson, J. L. Cotter, C. F. Grieve, R. W. Shaw, K. L. T. Jackson, Ross, Bruce-Lockhart—and the word "veteran" is applied to him. But, although he has been playing so long in senior circles, Logan came into the first-class game at a very early age.

From what I have seen this season, Logan is still about our best man.

Some say they want E. O. Kollie (Heriot's F.P.); others clamour for K. S. H. Wilson (Watsonians); A. H. S. Adair (London Scottish) has his admirers, as also has G. M. Milne (West of Scotland), who has so far failed to catch the eye at Cambridge. And then, of course, there is I. E. Dawson (Hillhead High School F.P.s). It must not be forgotten, either, that Dorward has already been a reserve. Winton we need not trouble about.

ROSS AND DAWSON

In the trials, I would certainly like to see Ross and Dawson, a club



pair, given another chance. You will know by this time, too, that I have never forgotten the grand exhibition that Bruce-Lockhart and Milne gave together for the Scottish schoolboys about three seasons ago. It might pay to bring these two together again, even if the Cambridge captain does not like Milne as a reserve.

I am prepared for surprise half-back selections in the penultimate and final trials. We shall see.

MEN TO NOTE

It is impossible to overlook the doings of Bruce-Lockhart, C. F. Wilson,

DONOOGHUE ALTERS HIS PLANS

WILL TRAIN AT
EPSOM
WITH HIS SON

PROBABLE ENTRIES FOR "LINCOLN"

(By WATCHMAN)

London, December 13.
In writing of Steve Donoghue on the last day of the flat-racing season, I hinted that there was a hitch in his arrangements to take over Capt. R. F. K. Gooch's stable at West Ilsley, Berkshire, and pointed out that the agreement had not then been signed.

Donoghue had informed me that certain matters had not been settled to his satisfaction, and there was some doubt as to the transfer going through. He now states that negotiations have broken down with negotiations have broken down with regard to the West Ilsley property and that new plans have been made.

He intends to take his horses to Epsom and train them with his son, Pat, until he can secure other quarters. Steve has about 25 horses for the coming season, including a number of well-bred yearlings.

130 WINS

In recent seasons Pat Donoghue was the most successful trainer under the Rules of the Pony & Turf Club. Winners of races numbering 130 were turned out by him in the course of three years, the stakes money secured exceeding £10,000.

At the close of the past season he decided to finish with pony racing and apply for a licence to train under Jockey Club Rules.

LINCOLN ENTRIES

During the present week the first of the Spring handicap entries for 1938 will be published. Among the races closing to-morrow is the Lincolnshire Handicap, for which at least 50 nominations are expected.

Even before the appearance of the entry an effort has been made to form a market on the race. One bookmaker offers 20 to 1 the field and takes Dan Bulger and Daytona as his favourites at that price.

Among probable entries in this firm's list are several horses which went to the Newmarket Sales last week and failed to reach the reserves placed on them, notably Fairplay, Lady of Shalott and Thankerton. Several of the horses which did find new owners at Newmarket are included among possible competitors for the Lincoln.

WORLD'S RICHEST RACE

The Beckhampton colt, Le Bambino is mentioned as a possible runner for the Santa Anita Handicap, to be decided in California on March 5. The American handicapper will find an obvious difficulty in dealing with an entrant whom he has never seen, and if Le Bambino were to be placed at top weight among those of his age he could scarcely be expected to win in his English form.

Mr. R. B. Strassburger's French-bred colt won two races here in the spring and has not been successful since.

The Santa Anita Handicap is the most valuable race in the United States or any other country, carrying no less than \$20,000 in added money.

SIDNEY SMITH MAKES ANOTHER CENTURY

Retains Lead Over Horace Lindrum

London, December 10.

Sidney Smith, playing against Horace Lindrum in their £100 snooker challenge match at Doncaster last night, made a break of 107.

Lindrum's only score during the frame was a red just before Smith started his run, which included ten blacks, three blues, the yellow, green and brown. This was Smith's seventh century break of the season and the eleventh of his career. He won four of the six frames to establish a lead after Lindrum had won four of the six frames in the afternoon to draw level.

SKATER'S TRIUMPH AT THIRTEEN

THIRD IN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

TITLE RETAINED BY MISS COLLEDGE

London, December 14.

Nearly 10,000 spectators at Wembley Empire Pool last night saw Mr. H. Graham-Sharp and Miss Cecilia Colledge, the holders, retain their titles in the British men's and women's amateur skating championships.

The greatest applause of the evening, however, was given to 13-year-old Daphne Walker, who was third to Miss Colledge and Miss Megan Taylor. For free skating she obtained more marks than Miss Taylor.

Miss Walker was the only competitor to obtain double-six full marks for both difficulty and execution. Apart from her, only Miss Colledge obtained a six for difficulty.

FOR ST. MORITZ

By being in the first four of the British women skaters, Miss Walter will be chosen to be among those who will represent Great Britain at St. Moritz in the European championships in January and the world championships in February. At the end Miss Colledge and Mr. Graham-Sharp gave a display of some of the more complicated compulsory exercises. Altogether there were seven men, eight women and three pairs competing. The full results were:

Women—1. Miss Cecilia Colledge, world and European champion; 2. Miss Megan Taylor, last year's runner-up; 3. Miss Daphne Walker.

Men—1. Mr. H. Graham-Sharp, holder; 2. Mr. F. Tomlins.

Pair Skating—Mr. and Mrs. L. H. T. Cliff, holders; 2. Mr. R. J. Wilkie and Miss Daphne E. Wallis.

TWO FALLS

In both men's and women's free skating events the runners-up, Mr. Tomlins and Miss Taylor, spoilt otherwise faultless displays by falling.

The championships opened yesterday morning with the judging of the compulsory exercises, each competitor having to go through six of the 40 exercises required by

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FRESHMAN HERO OF 'VARSITY RACE'

STILL'S PART IN LIGHT BLUES' VICTORY

(By BEVIL RUDD)

London, December 13.

CAMBRIDGE gained a clear-cut victory over Oxford in the inter-Varsity cross-country race, 34 points to 44, at Horton Kirby. Once again E. C. Weir was easily the best man over the 7½ miles course.

Weir has in four years won twice and run second and third—a record of consistency which only the Rev. W. Pollock Hill (Oxford) and W. W. Gibberd (Cambridge) have bettered. Pollock Hill had three wins and a second in the late 'eighties and Gibberd two wins and two seconds in the early 'nineties.

Weir to-day is in a class by himself. His time of 43min 13sec is not a record, but times are no criterion of merit in a race in which conditions vary enormously from year to year.

On Saturday it was fine and windless, but the thaw made the going heavy and water lay in puddles on the plough. Had the surface been crisp and dry Weir's time would have been at least two minutes faster, or well inside A. A. Robertson's 1935 record of 41min 56.4sec.

WEAK OXFORD TAIL

The Oxford captain, J. K. Hawkey, ran magnificently to get within a minute of Weir and to beat the Cambridge captain, W. M. F. Hudson, but the Oxford tail was no match for Cambridge, and this fact decided the race.

E. P. Dewar started lame and finished with difficulty. J. H. T. MacNair, the half-miler, could never get out of the ruck, and a bad stitch after four miles spoilt any pace he might have found for the long, easy descent from the hills. E. Priestley was not nearly as effective as last year. These three Oxford men filled the last three places.

GALLANT STRUGGLE

Much of the Cambridge credit must go to H. C. Still, the freshman, who finished sixth and put up a gallant struggle throughout against the Oxford pair, R. H. Percival and B. R. Martin. He led them for a while early in the race and again two miles from home, and was only 18 seconds behind at the finish.

Cambridge—E. E. Jourdain and B. F. Brearley also secured 7th and 8th places and a rugged effort by the big South African, D. G. D. Chamberlain, gave them ninth place as well. Chamberlain was behind MacNair and Priestley after 3½ miles, but on the long stretch from the Speedgate-road past Keeper's Cottage to Gabriel Spring-road he got in front and held his position during.

E. B. Teesdale, the former Oxford President, followed the race closely by car, and I am indebted to him for the details of Still's and Chamberlain's running. He intercepted the runners at the first crossing of the Speedgate-road, after the heavy uphill plough, approximately two miles from the start. Here Oxford had countered the fast start made by the Cambridge team.

PORT VALE REAPPOINT OLD MANAGER

London, December 11.

Port Vale F.C. yesterday appointed Mr. Tom H. Morgan as secretary-manager. The position had been vacant since Mr. Warneford Cresswell left at the end of last season to take up a similar appointment with Northampton Town F.C.

Mr. Morgan has been an official of Port Vale for many years. He was manager in 1929-30 when the club gained promotion from the Northern Section, and he remained in charge until May, 1932. Since then he has been assistant secretary and secretary.

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CAMBRIDGE JUST LEAD

Hawkey was now in front of Hudson (though 40 yards behind Weir). Percival and Martin just led Still, and Priestley was keeping ahead of Jourdain and Brearley. Cambridge were only leading by 38 points to 40.

A mile later when the road was re-crossed Priestley had dropped back and Cambridge had improved their score to 36. Some two miles later, at Gabriel Spring-road, the race was as good as ever. At this point Cambridge led by their biggest margin, for Still was once more in front of Martin and Percival. The Oxford pair got the better of Still in the long run-in, otherwise there was no change between the final positions and those at Gabriel Spring-road.

Cambridge now lead by 29 wins to 24 and of the 12 races that have been held over the Horton Kirby course each side has won six. Had the previous method of scoring (i.e., the first five places only in each team) been used on Saturday, Cambridge would have won by 25 points to 30. Last year they won by 24 points to 31.

VETS STILL LEAD IN SOFTBALL

CANADIAN CHINESE CRACK UP AGAINST FORUMERS

LACK THE NECESSARY STRATEGY

(By "SHORTSTOP")

ONLY three of the four Softball League games slated for the week-end were played on Sunday with the C.B.A. Machine Gun clash postponed again as the former team had a hockey match on for the morning.

The Vets moved up a notch higher in the percentages by scoring an easy win over the C.B.A. by 18 to 12, and have only the Filipinos to overcome on their way to the pennant.

A ding-dong battle was witnessed when the Baseballers tangled with the Filipino boys, who finally managed to nose out their opponents by the narrow margin of 12 runs to 11. Fielding depleted teams, both Clubs turned out only seven men, but the see-sawing of the tide of victory made this an interesting game. The Baseballers led for five innings, but couldn't overcome the one run lead in the last canto, when they had a chance with two men on.

An interval was called in this game for the opening of the new premises of the Filipino Club. In a witty speech, Dr. V. N. Atienza, the vice-president of the Club, said that he was deputising for the president, Mr. de Lasala.

Mrs. Atienza officially opened the clubhouse in the absence of Mrs. de Lasala, and Mr. Yuzon, of Shanghai, enjoined his listeners to partake of traditional Filipino hospitality.

STYGIA REIGNS

Stygia reigned in the Chinese-Canadian camp when they slumped against the English Forum. Desultory play was seen for two innings and the debacle started when Woo, the Chinese field captain, replaced Herbie Quon, on the mound, with Joe Mark, a newcomer and a southpaw, who allowed two tickets to first, and three hits which resulted in four runs for the Forumers.

Quon came back to pitch in the next inning, but the damage had been done and the Forum had things their own way from then on.

LACKED "UMPH"

A piece of strategy which might have resulted in victory, unfortunately, had a demoralising effect on the team. The Chinese Canadians never recovered from this blow, and lacked the necessary

"Umph!" without which no team can record a win.

Quon is still in school and is probably the youngest player in the League. He has much promise and should develop into a first class hurler with added experience.

The Forumers can lay their victory to the able coaching of Abe Liu, who was on hand to tell the boys the weaknesses of the opposing pitchers.

Detail box scores:

		CANADIAN CHINESE					
		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Ing 3b		4	0	0	1	2	0
Whyte cf, ss		5	1	1	2	1	1
Lau 2b		4	0	1	3	0	0
Nazarin ss, 1b		3	1	1	4	1	1
Woo 1b, cf		2	0	0	4	0	0
Mark rf, p		4	0	2	1	1	1
G. G. Lee lf		4	0	0	0	0	0
Delgado c		4	0	2	8	0	0
H. Quon p, rf		4	0	1	1	1	0
		34	2	8	24	6	3

Score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Runs:	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	=2
Hits:	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	=8

ENGLISH FORUM

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
T. Young 2b	4	1	1	2	1	0
Ching c	5	3	1	10	0	0
Low 3b	3	1	0	1	2	1
Chinn p	4	1	1	4	0	0
N. Young 1b	4	1	1	7	0	0
Kitchell ss	3	1	2	0	3	0
Wong rf, lf	4	0	1	3	0	0
Chung cf	4	0	1	0	0	1
B. Quon rf	1	0	1	0	0	0
N. Ma lf	2	1	0	0	0	0
	34	9	9	27	6	2

Score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Runs:	0	0	4	0	4	1	0	0	x=9
Hits:	0	1	3	0	2	1	0	2	x=9

Two baggers: Mark, N. Young and Wong.

Home runs: W. Ching.

Base on balls off Chinn: 4, off Quon: 2, off Mark: 2.

Struck out by Chinn: 10, by Quon: 5, by Mark: 1.

Umpires: Morreal and Molthen.

Scorer: W. A. Smith.

LEAGUE STANDING

	P	W	L	Pct.
Vets	11	10	1	.909
Forum	10	8	2	.800
Canadian Chinese	10	6	4	.500
Filipino	9	5	4	.555
H. K. B. C.	10	3	7	.300
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C. B. A.	9	0	9	.000

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SIX ENGLAND PLAYERS
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Lord Tennyson's Team
In A Dilemma

Bombay, December 10.—Lord Tennyson's team has been badly hit by illness and injuries. Six of the 15 players are temporarily out of action. The selection of the side to meet All-India in the second unofficial Test, beginning here on Saturday, sets a problem. McCorkell, Smith, Parkes, Wellard, I. A. R. Peebles and Lord Tennyson are the indisposed ones.

The first three named were unable to field in the Cricket Club of India's second innings to-day. P. A. Gibb replaced McCorkell behind the wicket, and A. F. Wensley, the Sussex all-rounder, who has a coaching engagement here, was called in as a substitute.



KOWLOON GOLF CLUB COMPETITION

The "Lanford" Trophy, competed for on Sunday last at Kowloon City over 36 holes Medal Play, was won by A. A. Lopes with scores of 81+79=160 less 18=142 net. F. C. Barry was runner up with a net score of 143. R. M. Wheatcroft and T. Henderson qualified for the Captain's Cup with the respective net scores of 72 and 75.

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Matches to be played on January 22.

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Baron Gottfried von Cramm, left, defeated Donald Budge, the Wimbledon and American Singles champion, right, in three sets recently in a Triangular match between Australia, the United States and Germany, at Sydney.

DON BUDGE RETAINS HIS UNBEATEN RECORD VICTORIAN TITLES FOR AMERICA

(By A. WALLIS MYERS)

London, December 13.

Donald Budge, maintaining his unbeaten record in championship singles since he captured the London title at Queen's Club in June, won the Victorian championship at Melbourne on Saturday by beating John Bromwich in the final 8-6, 6-3, 9-7.

The Californian opened his Australian tour true to relative world form, but the home players showed once more, as Perry and other invaders have discovered, that on the fast couch-grass courts of their own country they are far more formidable than in Europe or America.

Budge had no "cake-walk" to victory. In the second round he had a close four-set match with J. H. Crawford who, as in 1935, when he defeated Perry in the final of the Australian championship, seems to have recovered much of his old fire at Kooyong. V. B. McGrath in the semi-final and Bromwich in the final, though neither won a set, were always threatening the champion.

The 19-year-old Bromwich, who beat Quist for the third time this season and outplayed C. G. Mako at Melbourne, will have another chance of tackling Budge on his home courts at Sydney this week.

With his uncanny concentration and the disturbing effect of his double-handed drive—a stroke that Austin only parried with difficulty at Wimbledon this year—this lad has been beating all his fellow-countrymen, and his further matches against the American and German invaders will excite wide interest.

DOUBLE-HANDED DRIVES

I saw the strength of Crawford and McGrath as a doubles pair under home conditions when they beat Perry and Hughes in the final of the Australian championship of 1935. Their service returns were markedly superior, and they did not forfeit a set. Now, on the same court, Crawford and McGrath have beaten Budge and Mako (1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5).

I imagine that McGrath's double-handed return from the left court to the incoming Mako was a great point-winner, and that the shrewd lobbing which enabled Crawford and Quist to win the Davis Cup match against the Californians at Philadelphia last year was again practised.

FIRST U. S. VICTORY

Saturday's finals at Melbourne were noteworthy for the first victory of an American girl in an important Australian tournament. But Miss Dorothy Bundy, the conqueror of Miss Alice Marble in the American championship this year,

GOLD CUP SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

Davis "Fed-up"

London. Joe Davis, champion and backmarker, and Willie Smith were struggling keenly for the lead at Thurston's yesterday in their Gold Cup match.

Smith, who receives 21 points a frame, was one down when he started the last game, but he won it at 99-40 with a break of 52 which began with a fluke. Davis, who had the best break of the session—63—was once penalised by the "touching" rule, and exclaimed:

"It is silly. If you are a mil-

Two days ago I mentioned that Farr's most probable opponent would be Nathan Mann, the hard-hitting young heavyweight who beat Bob Pastor, New York State champion, about a fortnight ago. An announcement to that effect was, I believe, made in New York before the Pastor-Mann fight.

There is no doubt that Mann would make a very good opponent. He is rated so highly, in fact, that it was not considered wise to match him with Max Schmeling for the latter's first fight after a length absence from the ring.

IMPORTANCE OF CHOICE

The choice of Farr's opponent is one of considerable importance. Farr would doubtless beat the veteran Braddock by speed alone, but he would not necessarily shine, even though he might win, against Nathan Mann. And these mammoth world's championship fights need spectacular effect to make financial success.

Farr's ambition is, of course, to meet the winner of the Louis-Schmeling fight, due next June.

DECLINED

As was to be expected, the N.S.C. offer of a £2,000 purse for a Harvey-McAvoy fight has been declined. The Club may be quite right in the value at which such a fight is to be assessed, and they have no intention of being jockeyed into offering inflated purses, but the sum is so much below what these men have become accustomed to receiving that they were almost bound to refuse. McAvoy has other offers. He may yet fight John Henry Lewis for the world's light heavyweight championship.

Challenges and talk of big money have been circulating freely, but it is probable that Harvey will take steps during the week towards agreement on the match. He is sufficient confident to be ready, and willing, he tells me, to deposit a substantial sum within a few days with the British Boxing Board of Control, as a genuine side-stake.

HARVEY READY TO FIGHT JACK MCAVOY

Title And Side-stake In Balance

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, December 9. It is practically certain that Jock McAvoy will meet Len Harvey in the near future, and that they will fight for the British light heavyweight (12st 7lb) championship, at present held by McAvoy.

The fight will come as a ray of sunshine in the present boxing fog. Not for years has the general situation been so unfortunate, for the public is ready for any good show and promoters simply cannot find British boxers of sufficient quality or personality to create an attractive fight.

Harvey and McAvoy last met four and a half years ago when Harvey lost his middleweight championship. The fight would be accepted as a title fight by the authorities.

FARR PROLONGS STAY

Tommy Farr is postponing his return to New York until later this month. He will be wanted by Mike Jacobs, the promoter to whom he is contracted, very soon for, according to present arrangements, he is to meet Nathan Mann at Madison Square Garden towards the end of January.

Nathan Mann, of Connecticut, real name Manchetti (he is of Italian descent), is the leader of America's young generation of heavyweights. He beat another favourite, Bob Pastor, on points 10 days ago, and is credited with being an exceptionally heavy puncher.

SCHMELING AND THOMAS

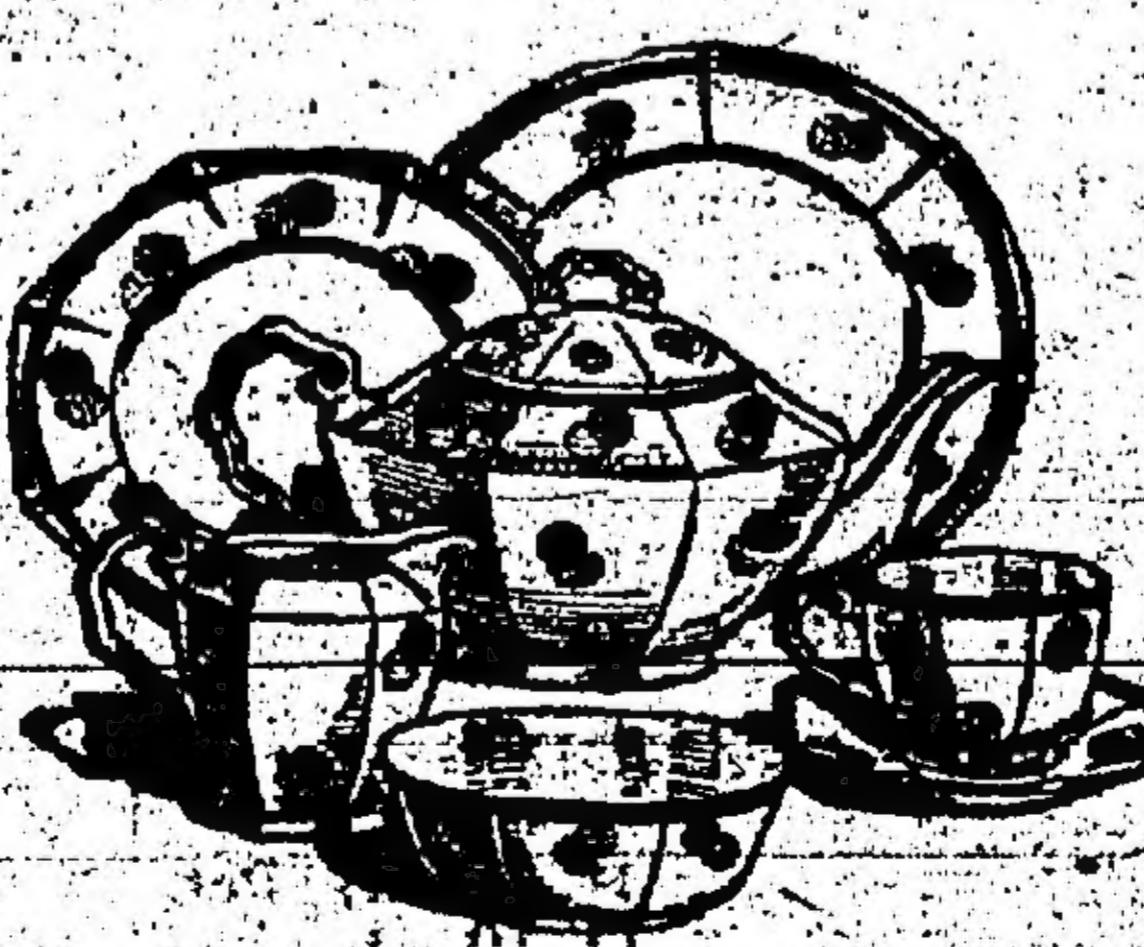
Meanwhile, the heavy-weight situation is not likely to be changed much as a result of the fight due next Monday in New York between Max Schmeling and Harry Thomas. This is the first of Schmeling's fights which are part of his training for his world championship fight with Joe Louis next June.

Thomas has won nearly all his fights by the knock-out, but no one of any class has figured among his opponents. Schmeling is due back at Hamburg to fight Ben Foord at the end of January.

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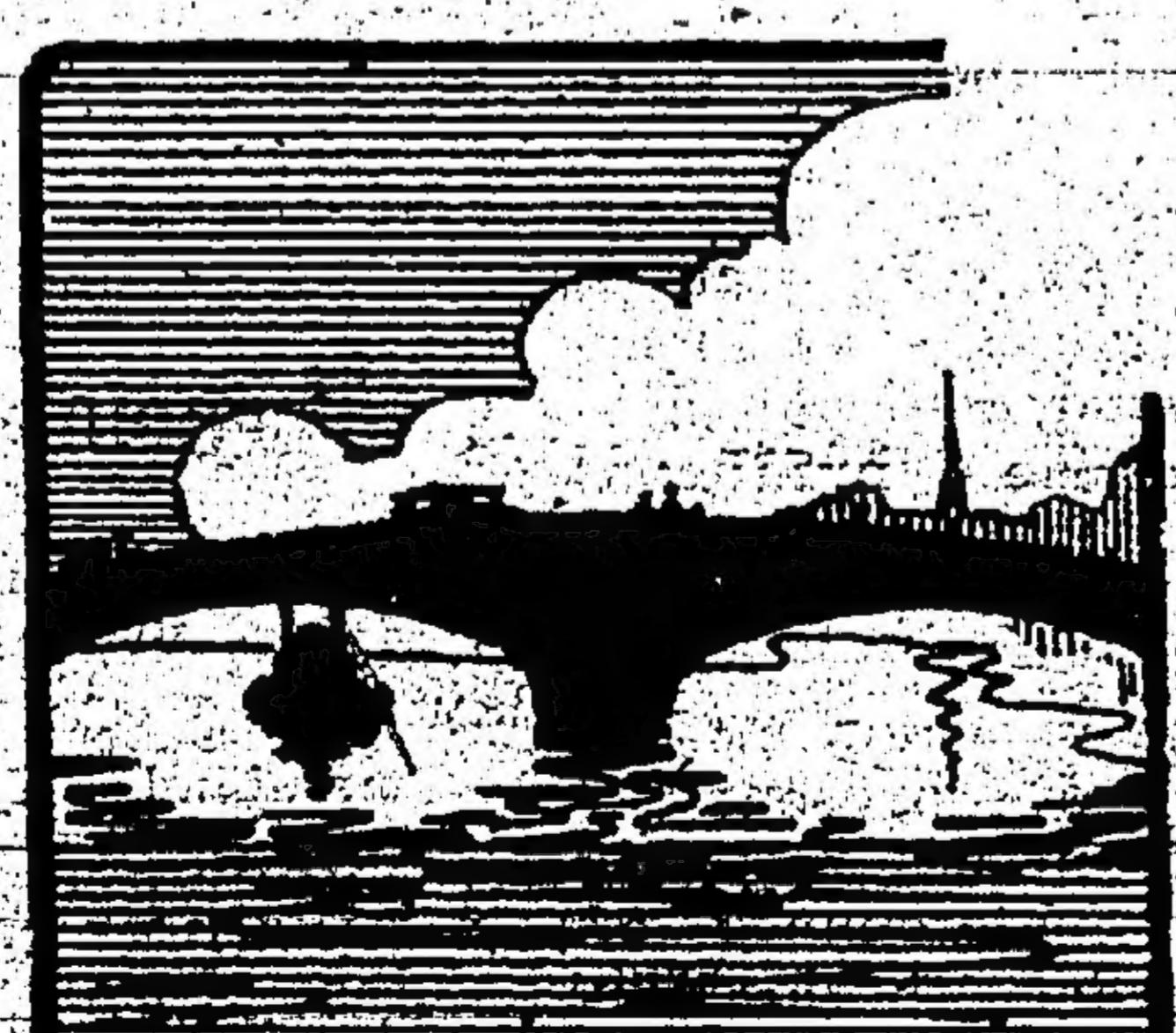
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CRUDE BOMBS IN FRENCH CONCESSION

Shanghai, To-day.

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Anybody finding anything of such a nature is requested not to touch but leave it where it is, and immediately to inform the French police who will carry out the necessary investigations.

A particular warning is issued to parents to instruct their children not to play with suspicious objects found in roads, gardens and vacant lots.

These suggestions also apply to discovery of all other military explosives.—Reuter.

PRIMARY U.S. INTEREST IN FAR EAST

Washington, To-day.

In a letter to Vice-President John N. Garner, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, said that the United States Government's prime interest in the Far Eastern trouble was maintenance of "orderly processes in international relationship."

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Singapore, To-day.

The Japanese Consul-General called at police headquarters late last night and stated that the two Japanese residents reported missing had reached home, after being brutally assaulted by the Chinese mob.

A strong protest has been lodged by the Consul-General with the authorities, with a demand that adequate steps be taken for the protection of Japanese nationals.

It is understood that the Singapore authorities are shortly issuing an order for the proscription of certain Chinese organisations in Singapore, who are alleged to have been responsible for the disturbances.

Chinatown is outwardly quiet to-day, but an undercurrent of unrest is keeping the police on close watch.—Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. Hull added that this interest "transcends in importance and value American trade with China or American investments in China."

"It transcends even the question of safeguarding of the immediate welfare of American citizens in China."—Reuter.



PEACEFUL OCCUPATION OF TSINGTAO

Tsingtao, To-day.

The German delegation which successfully appealed to the Japanese for peaceful occupation of Tsingtao, met a body of Japanese marines, of whom about 100 landed fifteen miles from the city, informed them that Tsingtao was undefended and escorted them to the city.

Immediately on entering, Japanese marines posted patrols while the Japanese Consul, Mr. Otaka, waited on board a Japanese warship until arrangements were completed for him to go ashore and take up his post.

CAR WITH FLAGS

First Japanese officer to arrive in Tsingtao was the resident naval officer, who chatted for half an hour in the City Government building with members of the foreign volunteers.

He carried a Japanese flag, and soon afterwards a motorcar arrived filled with Japanese flags, which will be hoisted on various buildings throughout the city.—Reuter.

JAPANESE IN TSINGTAO CELEBRATE

Tsingtao, To-day.

A. R. Hogg, the Briton who commanded the Volunteers, and members of his staff went to the German Club this morning where they found Captain Shiraishi and Major Negata drinking a toast to the Japanese Emperor.

Captain Shiraishi said in Japanese: "The Japanese navy arrived here to-day and feels much obliged to the different nationals of Tsingtao for taking care of the city for the time being. We intend to negotiate with the highest Chinese authorities here."

Mr. Hogg responded suitably.

Signalling Japanese occupation of Tsingtao, the Japanese flag was hoisted over the castle-like Chinese municipal building at 2.30 yesterday afternoon.

Many Chinese carrying Japanese flags were present.

Foreign volunteers formally handed over maintenance of peace and order to the Japanese at 4.30 p.m.—Reuter.

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